



NEW FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT ADMIRAL AND HIGHLAND, FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

First Congregational Church  
Kansas City, Mo.  
1866-1909

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OF  
The First  
Congregational Church  
Kansas City, Mo.  
1866-1909

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Comprising the Story of the Old First Congregational Church  
of the City of Kansas, 1866-1905.

AND OF THE  
Clyde Congregational Church  
of Kansas City, Mo.  
1882-1905

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**With Portraits and Views**

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## THE COMPILER

At the regular meeting of the First Congregational Church of Kansas City, Missouri, held Wednesday evening, November 10th, 1909, the Pastor, Rev. Alexander Lewis, D. D., presiding, on motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That in grateful recognition of the great service rendered by Rev. B. B. Seelye in the preparation of our Church History, there be placed therein his picture, together with a brief personal sketch of Mr. Seelye, to be prepared by Mr. F. A. Leach, accompanied by a copy of this resolution, as a token of our esteem and gratitude."

Mr. Seelye was born in Sherman, Connecticut, April 6th, 1851, and prepared for college at Watertown Academy, Connecticut. He graduated from Yale College in 1876 and then entered Yale Theological Seminary, but left it temporarily to take up teaching, in which he was engaged as superintendent of the public schools for white children of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and principal of the High School at Saratoga Springs, New York, and other schools until his return to the Seminary in 1889, from which he graduated in 1892.

Until the subsequent failure of his health he was engaged in pastoral work. He has been a member of this church since January, 1899, and since then actively interested in all its enterprises. For the completeness and excellence of this History we are indebted to Mr. Seelye. Nearly a year and a half has been required for its preparation. In the removal of the churches which now form the First Congregational Church to its present location, records were lost or misplaced. Many of the facts concerning its history, and photographs herein produced, had literally to be "dug up." Unex-





B. B. SEELYE.

pected difficulties were constantly met and overcome by Mr. Seelye. The greatest care and industry have been employed by him in properly tabulating and digesting the historical facts and figures, and the Church does well to thus show its appreciation, not only of the skill and persistent efforts of Mr. Seelye, but also of the ability and devotion to the work of the Church so clearly apparent in these pages.

F. A. LEACH.

## Thy Church

No other words for us so full as these  
Of sacred, soul-inspiring memories;  
Nor us no other place so fair to see  
As that where we together worship Thee;  
No other life so truly rich and sweet,  
As that of loyal service at Thy feet.

## PREFACE

The history of any individual church is a small matter as compared with the great story of the progress of Christianity in the world; but it is a part of that story, and so is important.

We rejoice in the faith that as a Christian church we are a part of the organized force that under Christ's leadership is blessing the world by overcoming evil with good. It is an honor to belong to the force whose mission is to bring in the day of righteousness and peace among men.

The results achieved in Kansas City by the old First Congregational Church and by Clyde were possible only because of the fact that the great Christian church was in the world. It was still alive and "doing business" when the First Church and Clyde were founded. Fire from the old altars was laid upon the new, and so the blessing and the responsibility were passed on to us.

It has been a labor of love to try by these records to reflect something of the spirit of those who, in the years that are past, have wrought in these two churches since they were founded; to name specifically some of the things accomplished by them; to try to set forth clearly the recorded facts in the life of both churches, and so enable us, to some extent at least, to live that life over again, to gain a new consciousness that we are a part of it, to catch the spirit of it and do our work better because of it.

The writer is confident that so far as he has succeeded in presenting the facts that tell the real story of the Old First and of Clyde, those who read will come to feel, as he has come to feel, a new appreciation of the inheritance and the responsibility that they have passed on to us.

No one can realize more fully than the writer how

imperfect and incomplete this record is. Brief biographies would, no doubt, have added greatly to the interest and value of the book; but the plan from the first has been to present the life and work of the churches rather than that of their individual members. Many details that would have been interesting have been omitted for fear of making the book too large.

Space should be taken here, however, to name three men whose successive terms of service as Chairmen of the Board of Trustees have covered nearly the whole time from 1866 to 1909. They are Mathias Marty, Edward H. Allen, and Albert Marty.

Those who read in this record about Mathias Marty and E. H. Allen and their rare business ability consecrated so largely to the service of the church, and those who realize the invaluable service which Mr. Albert Marty has rendered the church as their worthy successor, will be glad to find the portraits of all three given a prominent place in the book.

The compiler would hereby express his grateful appreciation of helpful criticisms and suggestions made by our Pastor, Dr. Lewis, by Mr. A. P. Marty and by Mr. C. T. Pickett, Clerk for many years of the Clyde Church; of the valuable assistance given by those who have prepared the accounts of the auxiliary societies; also of the cheerful assistance given by the other members of the Committee—Mr. J. H. Wheeler, Mr. J. W. Perkins, and Mr. Frank M. Weaver.

B. B. S.

Kansas City, Mo.

November 1st, 1909.

# PART FIRST

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## THE OLD FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, MO.

1866-1905.



REV. HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.  
Pastor of the Old First Church, 1880-1902.

# CHAPTER I.

## INTRODUCTORY.

The number of names given in the Kansas City Directory for 1865-66 indicates a population at the close of the Civil war of not over four thousand. Then there began a period of rapid growth. The first railroad from the East came in September, 1865. Mail was sent by rail for the first time from Kansas City to Junction City, June 27th, 1866. The Hannibal bridge was finished in 1869. Other railroads soon came and still others, from year to year, until now we have twenty-two and a population of over three hundred thousand.

Public improvements in Kansas City began at least as early as 1855 when \$1,200 was spent in grading Grand avenue. Other streets were graded in 1857, and a City Hall was built.

Kansas City was an important shipping point for the Santa Fe trade, which was established in 1824 and continued until the coming of the railroads. It was this Santa Fe trade and the fur trade with the Indians that gave Kansas City its start on the road to commercial greatness. The Santa Fe trade was seriously interfered with by the war, but quickly revived at its close and continued until gradually the wagon trains and the steamboats gave way to other methods of transportation.

At the close of 1866 the population was reported by the City Council to be 15,064. The city's trade for the year aggregated over \$33,000,000. At the close of 1869 the population was 30,000.

At the close of the war there was no public school system in Kansas City or Missouri. Under a new state law the Kansas City Board of Education was organized



in August, 1867, and opened schools the following October with sixteen teachers. By the close of 1868 there were three new school houses.

The first postoffice was opened in Kansas City in 1845. It was located on the Levee, where it remained until 1860. Gradually, with the growth of the city, it moved farther up and away from the river. In 1869 it was near Main street and Missouri avenue. In 1872 it was at Seventh and Main. In 1884 it was established in the new Custom House at Ninth and Walnut.

In 1865 of course the city was still only a rough frontier town, with almost no pavements and few sidewalks, and its houses mostly one- and two-story frames. But during 1865 and 1866 the town was attracting to itself in rapidly increasing numbers warm-hearted, intelligent people, from all sections of the country, who were ready to forget all about the war, now that it was over, and begin life anew.

Among these newcomers it is evident that there was a good deal of the spirit of enterprise and regard for the common welfare; a strong desire and determination to make the new Kansas City a good place to live in. According to the City Directory referred to above, they found already established here at least eight Christian churches.

A Congregational church was not one of the number.

But in 1863 Congregationalists began a mission work in the field which, after about three years of faithful effort, resulted in the organization of the First Congregational Church, and, later, of Clyde.

Now, as we, the children and heirs of the old First and of Clyde, find ourselves together in a new and beautiful church home, beginning a new chapter in our church life, it seems a fitting thing, both for our own satisfaction and convenience, and for the sake of those who shall come after us, to put into a form that will be permanent and accessible to all, some of the principal points in the record made thus far.

The story of the two churches, now united to form

the new First Congregational Church, is one in which we may all take modest pride and from it gain encouragement and inspiration as we try to carry forward the work which they so nobly began. It is in itself an inspiration to feel that in doing our work we are having a part with those who in the earlier days were capable of so much of consecrated effort and noble achievement in the name of our common Master.

Unfortunately the clerk's records of the old First Church from 1866 to 1880, and from October, 1900, to 1905, have been lost, and so for the history of these years we have to depend mainly upon a few papers read at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church in 1891, and at the farewell service at Eleventh and McGee streets in 1908. We have been able to supplement this material, to some extent, with items of interest contributed by some of the older members of the church who have been with it almost from the beginning. A few points, also, we have been able to glean from the files of the city papers.

## CHAPTER II.

1863-1880.

### EARLY EFFORTS—FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ORGANIZED

#### —FIRST THREE PASTORS.

At the close of the Civil war there were only about half a dozen Congregational churches in the state of Missouri, with a total membership of less than 500.

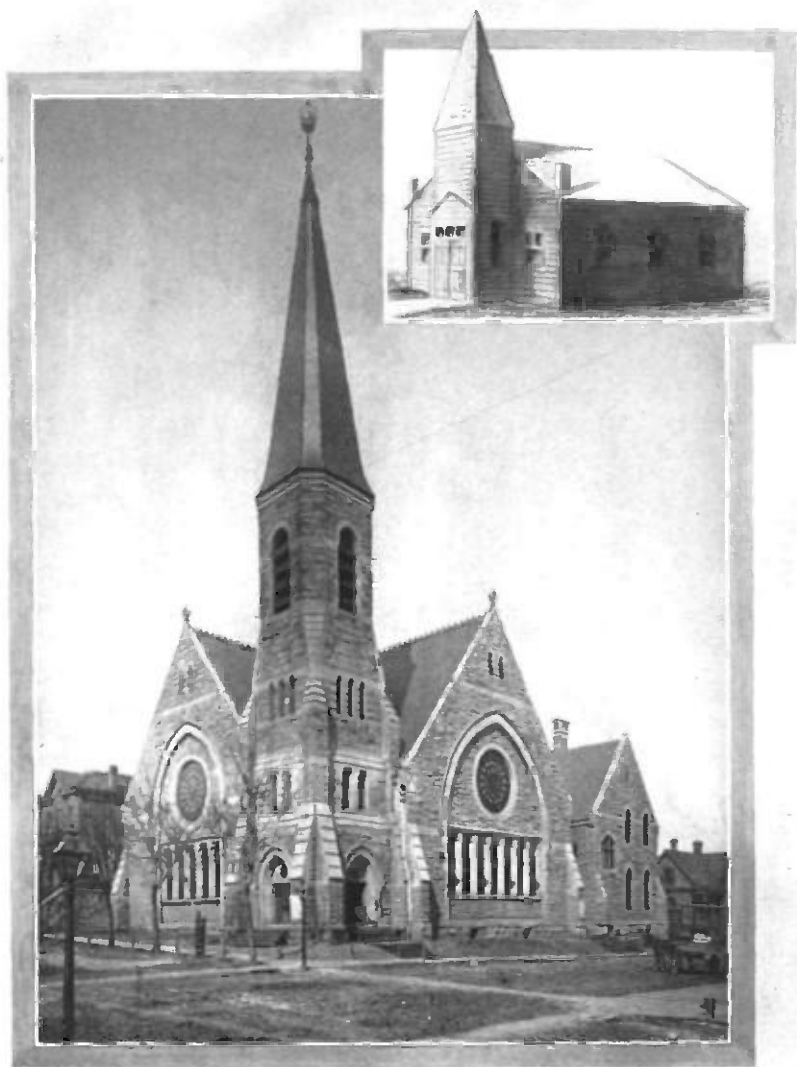
The Congregational records show that there were twelve churches of our order organized in Missouri in 1865, and probably the first to be organized in 1866 was the First Congregational Church of Kansas City, Mo.

On May 16, 1863, with the evident purpose of opening the way for a regular preaching service somewhere in Kansas City, Rev. R. D. Parker, a minister from Wyandotte, held a preliminary service in a Baptist church. Rev. Lewis Bodwell, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, was also present and no doubt assisted in this first service. During the week following he and Mr. Parker made arrangements for a regular Sabbath morning service in Long's Hall, which they had hired for \$2 per Sabbath. This hall was located in what was known as "The Pocket"—now 509 Main street.

Rev. R. D. Parker preached the first sermon in Long's Hall May 17, 1863, to an audience of seven persons.

Referring to this early work in Kansas City, Dr. Hopkins, in his Quarter Centennial address, said:

"In the summer of 1863, while the war was on, when this was a military post, and the only safe road out of it was toward Wyandotte, brethren from Kansas hired Long's Hall, and, crossing the Kaw by ferry, came through the forest on the West Bottoms and



The first Church Building at 10th and Grand,  
Dedicated 1866.

The second Church Building at 11th and McGee,  
Dedicated 1884. Demolished 1908.

held, on Sunday morning, a preaching service. During the summer preaching services were held in Long's Hall with more or less regularity by Revs. Bodwell, Parker, Liggett of Leavenworth, and Cordley of Lawrence, with audiences ranging from five to thirty-five. Then came, fresh from Bangor, sent by the Home Missionary Society, Rev. E. A. Harlow, who preached his first sermon October 11, 1863, to nineteen hearers, and for a year did good service as a Christian minister. He established a Sunday-school. He changed the place of meeting from Long's Hall to Miss Brown's school house on Walnut street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets. His audiences were small, composed mainly of military men. In November, 1864, Mr. Harlow left the field, and for a year it was, so far as the records show, untilled by any Congregational husbandman."

It is an interesting and suggestive fact that the platform from which Mr. Harlow preached in Long's Hall was, for the first few Sabbaths, a dry goods box with a piece of carpet thrown over it. This was exchanged later for a more orthodox platform, constructed by the pastor, of rough cottonwood boards. Mr. Harlow preached his farewell sermon October 9, 1864, after about a year's work.

Quoting again from Dr. Hopkins:

"In October, 1865, came another young man, sent also and maintained by the Home Missionary Society, Rev. Leavitt Bartlett of Vermont. He brought with him his young wife. After considerable effort Mr. Bartlett obtained the use of the First Christian church, located at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Main streets. Here Sunday afternoon services were held for a few months, Mr. Bartlett preaching his first sermon November 4, 1865, to a congregation of about sixty. After the first Sabbath the average attendance at this place was about forty-five."

Here a Sunday-school was organized November 18, 1865, with Mr. D. A. Williams as Superintendent. These efforts of Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Williams soon resulted in plans for a new church in Kansas City.

In a paper prepared by Judge S. P. Twiss in 1891 we find this statement:

"About the middle of December, 1865, a meeting was held at the house of Mr. John B. Hatch, at which meeting a committee of three—D. A. Williams, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Bartlett—were appointed to

secure a lot upon which a church could be built, and to get estimates of the probable cost of a suitable building."

This meeting was followed by another Wednesday evening, January 3, 1866, called for the purpose of forming a church, and held at the home of Mr. W. P. Whelan, near the northeast corner of Eleventh and McGee streets, at which place and time twelve persons "entered into Christian Covenant with God and with one another." These persons were:

Rev. Leavitt Bartlett,  
Mrs. Emily S. Bartlett,  
Mrs. Caroline C. Scales,  
Mr. Edward Vaughn,  
Mrs. Mary E. Vaughn,  
Mrs. W. P. Whelan,

Mr. W. P. Winner,  
Mrs. Mary Winner,  
Mr. D. A. Williams,  
Mr. M. B. Wright,  
Rev. Jonathan Copeland, (?)  
Mrs. C. C. Copeland.

On another page will be found the portraits of all but three of these persons.

"So," in the language of Dr. Hopkins, "the First Congregational Church began to be. They adopted their statements of doctrine and their organic law and sent letters missive to neighboring churches and ministers calling a Council to pass upon their proceedings."

That Council met on Saturday, January 6, 1866, in the First Christian Church, northwest corner of Twelfth and Main streets, and after due deliberation voted to "advise that the movement go forward."

On the next day, January 7, Sunday, the public service customary in such cases was held, at which service the new church was formally constituted by its own members and recognized by the members of the Council present representing other Congregational churches as "in the Congregational fellowship."

Rev. E. B. Turner preached the sermon, and Rev. Richard Cordley, of Lawrence, made the address extending the fellowship of the churches. "All the functions of the church life went regularly forward from that time and have since then never ceased."

In the Kansas City Journal for January 7, 1866, there is a notice of a service of Recognition of the First Con-



REV. LEAVITT BARTLETT  
W. P. WINNER  
EDWARD VAUGHAN

D. A. WILLIAMS  
MRS. W. P. WHELAN  
M. B. WRIGHT

MRS. EMILY S. BARTLETT  
MRS. W. P. WINNER  
MRS. MARY E. VAUGHAN

# CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE OLD FIRST CHURCH.

J. W. PERKINS,  
ALMOST A CHARTER MEMBER

gregational Church just formed, held in the Christian Church on Main street.

In the issue of the Journal for January 18, 1866, we find the following:

"Two weeks ago the Congregational Church organized in this place, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Mr. Bartlett, an energetic and excellent preacher. They commenced with twelve members and have already doubled their numbers.

"They have a good Sunday-school in operation and are making arrangements to build in the spring."

Soon after the formation of the church the plans for the purchase of a lot on which to erect a house of worship were again taken up. The lot selected was at the southwest corner of Tenth and Grand avenue and would cost \$500.

Before purchasing, efforts were made to secure the aid of the American Congregational Union. The terms first proposed by the Union caused some delay, there not being sufficient financial ability among the members to give the guaranty demanded. Some of the Eastern churches had become interested, however, and directed that their contributions to the Union be devoted to the work in Kansas City.

After much correspondence, the Union finally granted the church a loan of \$3,500 with which to carry to its consummation the move for a church building. The lot selected was purchased for the price named and was deeded by William A. Downton and James Kinnard to the Congregational Union.

The contract for building the church was let to Mr. Joshua Walker for \$3,000. The building was completed and dedicated in June, 1866. The following note from the Kansas City Journal for Sunday, June 24, 1866, gives us the exact date:

"The Congregationalists will dedicate their new house of worship on Grand avenue this morning at half past ten o'clock. Sermon by Rev. E. B. Turner of Hannibal. The public are invited to attend."



Then on Tuesday, the 26th of June, the same paper gives a brief account of the dedicatory service.

Dr. Hopkins says:

"The early years of the church were years of poverty and struggle. The maintenance of the ordinances was possible only through the fellowship of the East, shown in the practical form of aid through the American Missionary Society. A church building was possible only by the liberal assistance of the Congregational Union. But their investment was a good one. They have been paid with interest, and will yet get back in money all that they spent a hundred times."

That there was need of rigid economy at the first is indicated in the following statement made by Mr. J. W. Perkins:

"In the fall of 1866, after the completion of the First Church building at the southwest corner of Tenth and Grand, in order to save expense several of the young men of the church (and suspicion has it that Mr. Perkins was one of the 'young men') did the janitor work without pay. The young men took turns, each serving a month at a time. The janitor work was done in that way for quite a time, when a colored man was hired as janitor at ten dollars per month."

It appears also from the further statement of Mr. Perkins that the business matters of the church were well managed and that this fact was due in no small measure to Mr. Mathias Marty,

"one of the first Treasurers of the church, who laid down the principle that all the obligations of the church should be promptly met. That principle has prevailed ever since, and, as a rule, the pastor has never had to ask for his salary. He also insisted at the beginning of each year that no new obligations should be incurred until all old ones had been cancelled."

Dr. Hopkins, speaking further of the early years, said:

"That first pastorate of one year and a quarter established the church upon a permanent basis; it came into the consciousness of a self-respecting life, and felt that it had a right to be. The first pastor, Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, was the real founder of the church. He brought together the elements which by the affinities of their common life combined to form the organization."



REV. LEAVITT BARTLETT  
1865-1867

REV. HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.  
1880-1902

REV. W. ANDREWS  
1867-1868

REV. JAS. G. ROBERTS, D. D.  
1869-1879

REV. J. W. FIFIELD, D. D.  
1902-1904

PASTORS OF OLD FIRST CHURCH.

The "Society" held its first meeting September 22, 1866, and elected officers. S. W. Twiss was its first President.

In December, 1866, a Young People's Society was formed, with the result of many conversions from the young people and the awakening of greater interest among the older ones.

The Women's Missionary Society began to be during this first year of the life of the church. The records of this society for the ten years ending with 1884 show that they held regular monthly meetings for the study of missionary subjects and practical methods of helping on the missionary cause. They pledged themselves to raise a definite sum every year for missionary work.

Then the Ladies' Sewing Society was formed, which, in 1866, became the Ladies' Union, and, in 1907, the Women's Association.

The story of the very important work done by the women of the church from 1866 to 1907 will be more fully told in another place.

Mr. Bartlett resigned in January, 1867. From May 1 to September 1, 1867, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. R. M. Hooker as a supply. Rev. E. N. Andrews followed Mr. Hooker, beginning his work November 1 and continuing in the service of the church one year.

We learn by a letter from Mr. Andrews received shortly after the dedication of our new church at Admiral boulevard and Highland avenue that he is now living in Chicago, that he calls himself an "ex-minister," though he does some preaching. He expressed great interest in the new church and regret that he could not be present at the dedication. He says:

"My first arrival in Kansas City was on October 16, 1867. I had but recently left the army at Memphis, where I had been chaplain of the Second regiment, New Jersey cavalry. After preaching one or two of my best sermons at the old church, then on stilts on Grand avenue, I was called as pastor. My first sermon after the call was preached on November 17, subject, 'Brotherly Love.' Brother K. A. Burnell, an evangelist, an army friend, was there at the time, and we had sunrise prayer meetings, and there was

quite a religious awakening. These meetings were held at the homes of members, as there was no room in connection with the little church building. I recall some of the dear young men of those days, who were truly companions of mine. There was Wright and Williams and Perkins and Twiss and Marty—all faithful and alive in the cause of Christ! What a benediction are the devoted young men in a church!

"January 5, 1868, ten were added to the church, and others were interested as to becoming Christians.

"I cannot now recall the names of many of the old members, but one, with her two daughters, must not be passed by. I refer to Mother Babcock, a mother in Israel indeed. The prayer meetings were often held at her little home. I remember also Deacons Vaughn and Winner.

"I am thankful for your prosperity for the years that have passed since I left in 1868. May God's blessing be greatly added to the appointments of the new sanctuary."

Another interregnum of six months followed Mr. Andrews' departure.

Rev. J. G. Roberts, the next pastor, was installed by Council April 27, 1869, Judge David J. Brewer acting as scribe of the Council.

"For ten years Mr. Roberts went in and out before the people with a blameless life, in a strong, faithful, and effective ministry. Able, clear, and wise in the pulpit, watchful and sympathetic in the home, in touch with the general life of the community, a broad-minded citizen, a friend of the young men, he did a noble work, which can never perish."

During his pastorate the church grew steadily in numbers and influence. Mr. Roberts resigned January 12, 1879, and was dismissed by Council September 30, 1879.

Judge Twiss says of him that he did a great work in Kansas City. The Council, at his departure, endorsed him as a "worthy and faithful minister." Dr. Roberts is still living and is pastor of a church in Jamaica, N. Y.

Fortunately a letter from Dr. Roberts, dated October 12, 1909, has come just in time to help fill out a little this part of the story. The letter is in part as follows:

"I went to Kansas City in November, 1869. The church was a missionary church, and Kansas City was a wild, rough place, the

headquarters of all the gamblers of the plains. The church was small—about twenty-seven members on the ground. We had for our deacon Mr. Winner, Sr. The trustees were Mr. Marty (senior), Mr. Stephen Twiss, Edward Allen, and Edward Forbes. A fifth was M. B. Wright, I think.

"The first year we received \$600 from the Missionary Society; after that we became self-supporting. The church prospered greatly until the panic of 1873. I then took off from my salary, voluntarily, \$500. We had hard work to raise the balance. Every bank in Kansas City closed its doors. They continued closed some length of time. Some did not open again. The distress was something awful. The city was divided into sections. The aldermen joined with the Women's Christian Association in relieving the sufferings of the multitude of mechanics and workingmen and their families who had been attracted to Kansas City by the boom. Those were dark days, but the Lord brought us through. In 1878 we repaired and enlarged the church building.

"In 1879 I came to Brooklyn, N. Y., where I preached for fourteen years.

"During my stay in Kansas City, Mr. J. C. Gates was added to the Board of Trustees, and an ex-minister who kept a book store on Ninth street near the Junction. The members on the church roll were 300 when I left for New York."

The "ex-minister" referred to by Dr. Roberts was no doubt the Rev. J. R. Whittemore.

Though the clerk's records are missing for this early period, we find among the papers that have been preserved a few treasurer's reports, etc., that are interesting. The earliest treasurer's report found was made by Edward Vaughn, for 1868. This paper is an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures, the total receipts for the year being a little over \$1,076, while the expenditures were \$45 less.

On the list of contributors are the names of M. B. Wright, W. P. Winner, E. H. Allen, D. A. Williams, E. Vaughn, Mrs. Babcock, M. Marty, S. P. Twiss, J. W. Perkins, John Doggett, and others. The paper is signed by M. B. Wright as auditor. The next paper of this kind is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the year 1869, by M. Marty as treasurer. It is a model of neatness and shows larger expenditures than the report of the year before, the total being \$1,743.40, of

which \$1,200 is for pastor's salary. An item that would look rather peculiar in our budget was for "Janitor, wood, oil, etc.," \$124.50.

This was Mr. Roberts' first year as pastor of the church.

Then there is a subscription list for the same year to pay Mr. Roberts' salary, and with it a list of six names pledging additional sums as a guaranty that Mr. Roberts' salary will be promptly paid at the end of each quarter. On this list are Mr. Marty, W. P. Winner, John Doggett and M. B. Wright. The treasurer's report for 1870 was also by Mr. Marty, and shows a total of expenditures of \$1,859.70, of which \$1,500 was for pastor's salary.

Next in this line is a well-worn collector's list of subscribers for the years 1872, 1873 and 1874, and treasurer's receipts for sums collected, the treasurer for 1872 being D. W. Wells, for 1873 Allan Bourn, and for 1874 C. F. Holman. On this collector's list are the names given above and some others that are well known to us—W. W. Findlay, C. F. Emery, Albert Marty, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Weaver, J. C. Gates, E. H. Allen, H. M. Lee and J. W. Merrill. In the back of this little book is also a list of the names of delinquent debtors to the church. None of these names, however, appear on the list of those who in the later years made such a noble record for themselves and their church.

Not the least interesting thing preserved to us in this book is a chart showing the arrangement of the church pews with the number and price of each pew marked upon it, together with the name of the occupant, or owner.

So, even without the clerk's records, we have several kinds of evidence that the church was growing. For one thing the expense account shows it:

Expenditures for 1868 were \$1,076.57.

Expenditures for 1869 were 1,743.40.

Expenditures for 1870 were 1,859.70.

Expenditures for 1871 were 2,338.59.

Expenditures for 1874 were 2,385.25.

The pastor's salary advanced from \$1,200 in 1869 to \$2,000 in 1874. For some reason, however, after 1874 Mr. Roberts' salary seems to have dropped back to \$1,500. The financial panic of 1873 probably had something to do with it.

Another evidence of growth is the fact that twice during the first twelve years considerable money was spent in improving and enlarging the building. In 1872 repairs and changes were made to the extent of about \$1,000. There was one suggestive item of \$220—"paid to John Antoni for letting down the building 9 feet." There was another of \$150 for grading. Then in 1878-9 quite extensive improvements were made in the building, considerably enlarging its seating capacity. Mr. E. A. Fussell was special treasurer for this work, and he left an itemized list of expenditures and receipts amounting to \$2,105.42, and a balance of 80 cents turned over to the church treasurer. The list of subscribers toward these improvements contains all the names given above and many more, among them A. Hertz, E. A. Fussell, O. H. Dean, J. G. Roberts and W. W. Kendall. Some of the names occur several times on the list. There are about 105 subscriptions in all. A still stronger evidence of growth is the fact that the very next year after these improvements were made a movement was started looking toward the building of a new church.

Another evidence of prosperity is found on the face of the membership roll, without attempting the impossible task of giving the net membership at the close of the years. The number of members received up to the close of 1866 was 27, and up to the close of the succeeding years from 1866 to 1879 the totals were respectively 34, 52, 106, 135, 169, 215, 239, 257, 266, 284, 322, 336 and 348. The Year Book, however, shows that in 1878 the total membership reported was 223.

Dr. Roberts states that the membership when he left the church was 300. On page 37 the statement is made that in 1880 the membership was about 150. The two statements may be partly reconciled. When Dr.

Roberts left the total number of names that had been entered on the roll from the beginning was 340. During the thirteen years some had died, some had received letters of dismission, some had been dropped, and some were "absent." This would probably reduce the 340 to considerably below 300 actual members.

On the other hand, fourteen months passed after Dr. Roberts left before Dr. Hopkins came. Only eight new members were added during that time, and no doubt in the absence of a pastor many were lost to other churches. Then, too, the absentees were probably not counted as a part of the 150.

The following twenty-four names are the only ones still on our roll:

Albert Marty,  
J. W. Perkins,  
Miss Patrick,  
Miss Lydia M. Allen,  
Mrs. M. Campbell,  
S. P. Twiss,  
C. F. Emery,  
Mrs. Emery,  
Wm. E. Chester,  
Mrs. J. L. Whittemore,  
Mrs. Gillham,  
Mrs. J. W. Perkins,

Mrs. H. M. Lee,  
Mrs. A. Marty,  
Mr. C. N. Brooks,  
Mrs. C. N. Brooks,  
Mrs. Mollie Hughson,  
A. P. Marty,  
Mrs. J. P. Hamblin,  
J. P. Hamblin,  
Chas. A. Whittaker,  
Guy C. Hoffman,  
A. Hertz,  
Mrs. Emma P. Jenkins.





MATHIAS MARTY.

Trustee practically all the time, and President of the  
Board of Trustees most of the time  
From 1866 to 1883.

## CHAPTER III.

1880-1891.

### FROM THE COMING OF DR. HOPKINS TO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH.

The next pastor after Mr. Roberts was Dr. Henry Hopkins, who was installed by Council March 18, 1880. Dr. Hopkins' letter accepting call to Kansas City:

To the First Congregational Church of Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Friends:—A copy of the resolutions unanimously adopted by you on the evening of January 21, inviting me to become your pastor, was promptly received. Upon the strength of it I resigned my charge in Westfield, the same to take effect on the last day of this month—i. e., February 29—and the resignation has now been accepted by the church and the ecclesiastical society connected therewith.

I am therefore at liberty to accept your call. This I hereby do fully and heartily, with the conditions annexed, subject only to the approval of a council of the churches already called.

And now, dear brethren, let us earnestly ask Him who is the life of our life, and without Whom we can do nothing, that the seal of His own approval may from this hour be set upon our decision.

Pray that in the closing scenes with the beloved church where I now am, there may be tokens of divine love and power, and that if it shall indeed be ordered that the new relation with you shall be constituted, there may be the preparation that is meet for it, and at the very opening of its history the manifested sign of God's blessing.

In the faith of the everlasting Gospel.

Cordially and hopefully yours,

HENRY HOPKINS.

Westfield, Massachusetts, February 13, 1880.

The installation sermon was preached by Dr. T. M. Post, of St. Louis, from the text, "Behold a sower went forth to sow." In the course of his sermon he said:

"It is grand to be permitted to sow in this rising giant city,

giant in its youth, and fortress to the gates of the Rocky Mountains."

"I seem to see the face of the illustrious father of your pastor, looking and waiting to see the son finishing the labor which was begun by him. It is joy to plant that which will grow on forever. It is glorious to sow that which will come to fruition.. It is especially glorious to sow as pastor in a country and a time like this."

The charge to the people was given by Dr. Richard Cordley. In his discourse, speaking of Kansas City as a whole, he said:

"Your praise is in all the land. Your energy, your wonderful development in material things; but we do not hear so much about your churches. Doubtless you are illustrating the truth of Scripture where it says 'that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural.' May we not expect that you will now illustrate the other part of the record, 'afterward that which is spiritual'? Mr. Hopkins evidently comes with a mission in his heart, and throws himself among the seething, boiling elements of this great Western world, that he may help to crystallize them into a Christian structure. You have built your temples of trade in grand proportions and on strong foundations. Has not the time come when the temples of the Lord shall receive a parallel attention? You owe it to the thousands here whose slumbering spirituality has been overwhelmed in the great whirl of material activity. A vigorous spiritual church testifying to the truth must be the voice that shall wake their dormant faith. We have all stood amazed as we have seen your faith remove mountains; shall we not yet see that same faith casting out devils?"

These passages from the sermons of Dr. Post and Dr. Cordley are given because they are so appropriate and, read in the light of the record of the next twenty-two years, are so truly prophetic of the work which the now revered son of a revered father was destined to do in Kansas City.

Dr. Cordley could see a great future and opportunity for Kansas City, but he spoke more truly than he knew of the contribution toward its greatness that was to be made by the First Congregational Church under the leadership of Henry Hopkins.

Soon after Dr. Hopkins began his work it became apparent that a new and larger church was needed, and a movement toward securing it was started. The

question as to where the new building should be located was a difficult one and it took about a year to settle it. Finally, November 2, 1881, ground at the northeast corner of Eleventh and McGee streets was purchased, and a committee on building plans was at once appointed.

In this connection, Mr. Mathias Marty's report as president of the Board of Trustees for 1881, makes interesting reading. It is dated January 10, 1882. A part of it is as follows:

"The Trustees beg leave to report that the past year has been one of more than average prosperity. Our receipts from all sources for current expenses have been \$4,042.82, and our expenses have been \$3,454.67, leaving a balance in the treasury at the close of the year of \$588.15. This has been mainly owing to the fact that no repairs on the building, and but little extra expense of any kind, have been required during the year. We have authorized the treasurer to transfer the sum of \$499.90 of the balance on hand to the fund for the purchase of church lots. We have purchased, as has been reported at a former meeting, two lots situated on the northeast corner of Eleventh and McGee streets, at a cost of \$9,225.00, as a site for a new house of worship. These lots are centrally located, and for beauty of situation and accessibility, it is generally admitted they are of the most desirable in the city. Subscriptions to the amount of about \$9,550.00 were obtained to pay for the lots. We recommend to the church that the salary of our pastor be raised from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00 per annum. We also recommend that the sum of \$12,000 be raised for the purpose of commencing during the present year the erection of a new house of worship."

Soon after the reading of this report a committee was appointed to solicit funds for building. In February the committee on plans presented reports, a majority report and a minority report, neither of which was approved by the Trustees.

Finally, September 7, 1882, Mr. E. H. Allen, one of the Trustees, presented a plan of a building which was adopted, and a committee of two or three appointed to act with the Trustees as a building committee. The plan adopted had been prepared by the architect, A. Van Brunt.

The new church enterprise could now be said to be well under way. From this time on until the church

is dedicated in December, 1884, the records are full of the details of church building. Frequent meetings are held by Trustees and church; committees are busy superintending the grading, the foundation work, the carpenter work, the brick and stone work, etc. Other committees are doing their utmost to raise the money needed. Twelve thousand dollars was the starter recommended at the beginning of 1882. At the next annual meeting, January 8, 1883, the Trustees state that \$12,000 more will be needed before the building can be enclosed. Meanwhile, too, they must meet the current expenses of the church which the Trustees estimated at \$4,500.

One fact of a personal nature in connection with the building of this church deserves to be recorded here: The original plans called for a brick church, because brick would cost less than stone. The matter was fully discussed by the officers and members and the calm decision was that the building must be of brick; they felt that they could not afford stone. But at a meeting of the building committee after this decision had been reached, a man with genuine enthusiasm for having things as they ought to be, and with the financial ability to indulge his passion, said that the church ought to be built of stone, and that if they would build it of stone instead of brick, he would himself pay the difference in the cost. This was Mr. F. L. Underwood, and his generous offer was gratefully accepted. This was in May, 1882.

November 14, 1882, Mr. Marty resigned as president of the corporation, and January 15, 1883, Mr. E. H. Allen was elected in his place.

Mr. Marty, whose failing health made a change of residence necessary for him, had been a member of the church since October, 1866, a member of the Board of Trustees practically all the time, and for many years its president, and his good judgment, his careful accuracy, his strict integrity, his high sense of honor, his time and money without stint, all dedicated to the serv-



F. L. UNDERWOOD

A. A. BAKER

A. R. MEYER

HARLOW W. BAKER

J. K. BURNHAM

FIVE HELPERS WHO ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

ice of the church, had made him an invaluable helper. If one can judge correctly from the records which we have, Mathias Marty should be gratefully remembered by the present generation because of his valuable service to the First Congregational Church during the first sixteen years of its history. His name certainly belongs on the list of those who are enrolled as "wise master-builders."

Mr. Allen, his successor as president of the Board of Trustees, continued in that office for more than twelve years, with the exception of one year, when Mr. M. B. Wright held the office.

The record shows that the church, during this busy time of building, was not centering its activities entirely upon itself. The Kawsmouth Chapel and Sunday-school, and the Eighteenth Street Mission had loyal support from the pastor of First Church and its members.

At the annual meeting in 1884 the appropriations made for current expenses were over \$5,000. The old church building was reported sold for \$8,312.50. After paying the debt of \$3,000 on this property, there remained \$5,312.50 to be used on the new building.

Mr. Allen reported that \$12,600 would still be needed to complete the church and buy an organ. A committee was appointed to raise the money.

So the work went on to its completion. How much it was costing in time and money and self-denying effort of many kinds is vividly portrayed by Dr. Hopkins on a later page. Early in the enterprise the rule had been adopted that they should proceed with the building only as fast as there was money in sight to pay the bills. In this manner the structure was completed at a cost including price of lot of about \$85,000.

At the beginning of 1884, Rev. L. Bartlett resigned as member of the Board of Trustees, on account of ill health. He was the first pastor of the church, and from the first until now had taken an active personal interest in its affairs. His wise counsel and generous service on

boards and committees were important factors in the progressive life and work of the church.

March 21st, 1884, the Sunday-school rooms and parlors of the new church were opened for use. A very fitting thing recorded in honor of the event was the sending of a telegram of congratulation to Mr. M. Marty, then in Texas. November 12th of the same year a committee was appointed to arrange for the dedication of the new church, which took place on Sunday, December 7th, 1884. Special services appropriate to the occasion were held every evening of the week except Saturday. The sermon on Sunday was preached by Rev. Judson Titsworth of Milwaukee, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor of Clyde Church.

The following account of the week's dedicatory services is a summary of an article sent to the *Congregationalist* by its Western correspondent:

"Their costly and beautiful church edifice is equipped not only for religious but for social and literary uses. The dedicatory services occupied several days and were uniquely suggestive of what a genuine and working church implies. First, on Sunday morning, December 7, came the formal dedication by a sermon and services of united consecration led by the Rev. Henry Hopkins, the pastor, in which the whole congregation joined; in the afternoon was a children's service, the young people being out in full force, and in the evening there was a meeting of historical reminiscences, in which old veterans, original settlers like Dr. Robbins of Muskatine, represented the fellowship of the past with the present. Monday evening, interdenominational greetings were exchanged, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., representing a common Christian brotherhood; Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 9, there was a reunion of the Congregational ministers and laity of the neighborhood, resulting in a Congregational Club for Kansas City and vicinity; Wednesday evening, a workingman's meeting, when the toilers of the city, many of whom came in their working clothes, were addressed by the Rev. John Matthews of the Southern Methodist church, and by E. H. Allen; Thursday evening there was a meeting of fellowship between the Scandinavian and German-Americans and the Anglo-Americans, with prayers and addresses in their several languages, and renderings of the old German chorals, as well as the more artistic music of the Arion Mannerchor, a local German singing club; and on Friday evening the colored people,



with their colored organist and choirs, and some of their own representative preachers among the speakers, were honestly welcomed to the fellowship which this church so cordially extends to all Christian people. Particularly significant is this in a city where caste prejudice was so rife but a few years ago. There was never before, probably, a church dedication similar to this, but it is a fair blossoming of the true Christian spirit and progress, and just what might be expected from the large-hearted tact and wisdom of Henry Hopkins, formerly of Williamstown and Westfield.

Speaking of this new building, in his Quarter-Centennial address, Dr. Hopkins said:

"Ruskin enumerates 'Seven Lamps of Architecture,' and among them, the Lamp of Sacrifice. It is under this classification that this house comes. Call it Gothic if you please, but be sure you place under this noblest order, 'The Lamp of Sacrifice.'

"These people reared for themselves a memorial of their own nobleness to the honor of God. The lines of the building are good. On it is symmetry and grace and strength; it is a noble, honest house; it is adapted to its uses; its interior has an air of peace, in its walls there is rest; but to me the house is more than all this. I never approach it or stand within it that my heart is not touched at the thought of all that it represents of true Christian character. It took one year to buy the lot, another to put in the foundation, and another to rear the walls, and you paid the bills as you went on. Some of you gave six separate times, each time all that you were able to give, and when it was done you dedicated it without a dollar of debt, to the service of God and the love of your fellow men."

Thus the church began its new life in its beautiful, new building under most auspicious circumstances. From this moment, with Henry Hopkins as pastor, and thoroughly equipped for its work, the church went steadily forward, increasing in numbers and influence until it became one of the strong centers of religious life in the city, not only for Congregationalists, but in a sense, for all denominations, so strong a personal hold did Dr. Hopkins gain upon all who were interested in the moral and spiritual betterment of Kansas City.

Naturally, upon entering the new church, current expenses increased. The appropriations for 1885 amounted to \$7,000. It was voted to increase the pastor's salary \$600, but Dr. Hopkins refused to receive it, because

he realized how heavy the financial burdens upon the church had been and still were. Late in 1885, however, the Trustees voted to recommend that \$7,500 be raised for 1886, and that the pastor's salary be increased by \$1,000.

Soon after Mr. Hopkins became pastor, a house at the northwest corner of Tenth and McGee streets was rented as a parish house, where all socials, ladies' meetings, etc., were held. The use of this house was retained until about the time of the completion of the new church at Eleventh and McGee.

Not long after moving into the new church the Nursing Association was established, and for service in this association Miss Majors was employed and paid by the Ladies' Union.

Dr. Hopkins was a valuable friend to the cause of education, not only in the city and State, but also in the country at large.

The interests of Drury College lay very close to his heart, and he was one of the Trustees of that institution, as he was also of Williams, his alma mater. At the International Congregational Council in Boston in 1899, he was selected to deliver an address before that body on "The Place of the Smaller College in the Work of Education." It was a noble address, in which he said:

"The best investment the East has made in the West is the Western college."

Dr. Hopkins had deeply interested himself in the welfare of Kansas City, and had exerted a great influence in shaping the policy and the character of the city during what has aptly been termed the plastic period of its life—the years from 1880 to 1902.

The membership reported at the beginning of 1886 was 325.

July 16th, 1886, upon the eve of Edward H. Allen's departure for a journey in Europe, a reception was given him by the members of the church. At this reception there was passed a resolution of thanks to the Board of

Trustees and those acting with them on the building committee, for "their wise, patient and faithful service."

Also especially to Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Board, who

"Has given freely, not only his money, but, in unstinted measure, as it has been needed, his thought, time, and his trained business faculty. He has supplied, for what has been a large business enterprise, the sterling business methods and efficient leadership, without which the high measure of success attained, and the excellent financial record made, would have been impossible. Beyond this we recognize our obligation to Mr. Allen for the high moral teaching there is in his fidelity to the policy of the Board and the church of incurring no debt, in his faithfulness to a high ideal of what a church building ought to be in the truthfulness of its construction, and in the genuineness of its decoration; not less also in the clear statement of the whole truth to the entire body of the congregation as often as they had a right to it; and lastly, in the fine spirit of unselfish devotion with which he has given himself for so long a period to this work until its completion."

Abundant records show that this high tribute paid by the church to Mr. Allen was well deserved.

The great interest that the First Congregational Church was taking in the strengthening of Congregationalism in the city is evidenced not only by the numerous groups of its own members that from time to time it cheerfully gave up to help form other churches, but also by the financial assistance given the new churches. December 15th, 1886, on motion of Albert Marty, the church pledged \$1,000 to Clyde Church.

Reference to this gift will be found in the Clyde records. The next year, 1887, it voted to help Olivet Church to the amount of \$3,000.

The treasurer's report for 1886 shows that the women, too, were faithfully doing their part. During the year they made appropriations amounting to nearly \$1,000, \$250 of which was for the Y. M. C. A. building of Kansas City, and \$250 for the organ fund.

In 1886, or possibly 1887, the organization known as "The Mothers' Band" was started and successfully carried on largely by the earnest and consecrated efforts

of Mrs. A. C. Rood. The members of the band were mothers from the surrounding community, who, for one reason or another needed help and encouragement. They met once a week to learn to sew and cook and get ideas of household thrift and economy. Every third meeting of the month was a Gospel service. This band has continued for twenty-three years and has never missed a Gospel service. Many a mother's life and home have been transformed by its influence. Dr. Hopkins seems to have kept in close personal touch with it and to have regarded its work as of great value.

The band is now in charge of Mrs. Mary R. Doane, our Social Worker.

It was during 1887 that Dr. Mark Hopkins, the venerable father of the pastor, died. At the weekly prayer meeting in the chapel, June 22nd, resolutions were adopted paying eloquent tribute to the high character and long and distinguished service of Dr. Mark Hopkins; and also expressing the sympathy of the church for the pastor in his bereavement.

It was voted also as the desire of the church that the pastor be free to remain with his afflicted mother until the end of his usual summer vacation.

At the beginning of 1888 the amount appropriated for current expenses was \$8,000.

During the latter part of this year ten persons withdrew by letter to help form the Southwest Tabernacle Church.

In this connection it should be stated that the Kansas City Congregational Union was organized in 1888 by representatives of the four Congregational Churches in the city at the time.

Its purpose was to strengthen and advance the interests of Congregationalism in the city by aiding weak churches in erecting houses of worship.

The first new church assisted in this way was the Southwest Tabernacle Church referred to above.

For 1890 the appropriations were \$9,280. This year the records show that the church was taking an active

part in the work of the "Helping Hand" Sunday School. The records also show that the year had brought to the church a net gain of 28 members, which made the total at the close of the year 477.

On December 3rd, a committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church. The celebration took place January 11th and 12th, 1891.

Elaborate preparations were made for this event. First, was a special sermon by the pastor, Dr. Hopkins, from the text found in Ephesians 1:23, "The church which is His body." The introductory part of the sermon was a setting forth of the characteristics of the true church of Christ.

Following this was a brief historical sketch of the early years of the First Church, from which numerous quotations have already been made in the first pages of this record, together with a few modest references to the ten years of his own pastorate.

Then, speaking as if he had no other thought of himself than as being borne along on the high tide of life which he is describing, he said:

"The church has awakened to a new consciousness of itself as an organization not alone for worship, but for the teaching of the Gospel, and for the practical help of those about its own doors. It has been awakening to its divine call to illustrate the meaning of an applied Gospel, to do a broader and stronger and more brotherly and Christian work for humanity. The growing thought now, is not alone to teach Christ in the services of one day in seven, but to embody Him in all the activities of all the seven days, to become a part of the times in which we live, a potent factor for Christ's sake, in the advancing history of the world, in the beneficent movements of reform; to make the Gospel felt in municipal government, in jurisprudence and legislature, in education and art and literature; in commerce and the great world of industry, and in all the complex forms of our associated activity. In a word, we are coming to believe that the kingdom of heaven is like leaven, and that the divine purpose is that the whole lump be leavened, that the kingdom of heaven for whose coming we pray is to come in this world.

"We have this year been able to make a beginning in the help of Christian education, and in the development of all branches of

Christian activities of organized woman's work. Whatever the pastor has seriously asked this people to do, they have done, and what is lacking in achievement along any line he humbly confesses is owing far more to his lack of faith and leadership than to their want of willingness or power."

Dr. Hopkins was so closely identified with the life and activities of the First Congregational Church, and, to so large an extent, made the church, and was the church, by filling every member of it with his own spirit, that these words from his sermon, revealing so much of him and his high ideals of what a church and its pastor together should be, and his sweet earnestness in working toward the ideals, may truly be regarded as giving to us a very vital part of the history of First Church. If anything in the history is worth recording it is this setting forth of Dr. Hopkins' broad and noble idea of the mission of a Christian church, and his testimony to the fact that his church was in full and active sympathy with him. Would there were space for the entire address, which is a classic; but this much of it we may well hold before us for careful study and as a source of inspiration.

On the Monday evening following there was another meeting which was presided over by Mr. E. H. Allen, at which, besides an address by Mr. Allen, there were several other addresses and papers. One of these was by Col. Theodore S. Case on "The Kansas City of Twenty-five Years Ago."

Another on "Places of Worship and Former Pastors," by Judge S. P. Twiss.

"Woman's Work in the Church" was presented by Mrs. A. J. Warren.

"The Sunday School Work" was spoken of under two heads: First, "The First Three Years," by D. A. Williams, the organizer of the school and its first Superintendent. Second, "The Sunday School of To-day," by J. W. Perkins and H. M. Beardsley.

There were interesting letters read from Rev. R. D.



S. P. Twiss.  
First President of the "Society," 1866.

Parker, Rev. E. N. Andrews, Rev. J. G. Roberts, D.D., and J. T. K. Hayward.

There was an address by Dr. Richard Cordley. Rev. J. H. Williams spoke on "The Sister Churches of Our City."

Then there was a closing address by the pastor.

This was truly a memorable occasion and we should not allow the influence of it to be lost.

The special committee appointed to arrange for the celebration consisted of Judge S. P. Twiss, Mr. M. B. Wright, Mr. D. A. Williams, Mr. J. M. Coburn, Mr. J. L. Butterfield, Mrs. T. H. Kennedy, Miss Susan Babcock and Miss Avery.



## CHAPTER IV.

1891—1905.

### FROM 1891 TO THE MERGING OF FIRST CHURCH AND CLYDE.

The conditions were such in the financial world in 1891 that it was not an easy matter to keep the church expenses paid, but the pastor's salary was kept at the same point, \$4,000, and \$1,500 was paid for music.

April 1st, 1891, there is on the clerk's book a record of a unique vote of thanks. It was to Mrs. Frank Atwater, for trailing arbutus, sent to the church annually. Every year for eleven years she had sent a package of it to Dr. Hopkins. He always brought it to the church for distribution among the members of the congregation.

The regular arrival of this box was one of the annual events looked forward to with much pleasure.

In January, 1893, the Trustees proposed at the annual meeting to raise \$10,000 for the year; to pay \$2,000 for music, and \$800 for an assistant pastor. Here is evidence, surely, of continued growth and prosperity.

On the same date the time of the annual meeting was changed to October instead of January. The following resolution, also, with regard to attendance upon the prayer meeting, was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the members of this church, recognizing our covenant obligations to assist, so far as possible, in the work for which our church organization exists, and our special obligation to maintain all the services of the church, and realizing its importance in its relation to the life of the church of giving most earnest and active support to the regular weekly meeting for prayer and conference, do hereby individually express our firm and unalterable determination to regularly attend the Wednesday evening meeting

during the ensuing year, so far as reasonably it may be in our power to do so."

The membership reported at this meeting, after dropping about 20 absentees, was 465.

By October, 1893, the time of the next annual meeting, there had been a net gain of twenty-four. For some reason not mentioned there was a special increase of \$1,000 in the pastor's salary for the year, and \$2,000 was set apart for music.

In the clerk's record of this meeting the name of the Rev. John H. Denison appears, he having been appointed assistant superintendent of Sunday school. At a meeting of the church held August 30th of the following year a resolution was adopted speaking in terms of the highest appreciation of the Rev. John Hopkins Denison and his work during the year just passed in connection with the First Congregational Church. The following language is taken from the resolution:

"We look upon the result of his year's work with pleasure and thankfulness. His successful devotion to the Helping Hand Sunday-school and his well-directed labors with and in behalf of the young people of the city and our church have endeared him to us and to many not members of this church. His earnest sympathy with every useful activity of our church, and his untiring energy in doing the work that was always at hand, have not only produced direct results, but have been an inspiration and an influence calling us all to a better service."

In January, 1895, Mr. F. L. Underwood and family removed to New York City. Mr. Underwood had been a generous contributor of time and money to the First Church and his departure was felt as a great loss to the church and community.

This year, too, the church suffered the loss by death of another of its most valued and honored members—Mr. Edward H. Allen.

He had for many years served the church with remarkable efficiency as chairman of its Board of Trustees. Dr. Hopkins seems to have held him in very high esteem. Some of the things said by Dr. Hopkins at

Mr. Allen's funeral should have a place here. He said:

"We sit today in the deep shadow of a great sorrow and a great loss. The sense of sorrow rests upon comparatively a few, the immediate personal friends and close acquaintances of the man we mourn. The shadow of the loss covers the city. All right thinking people despise the empty eulogism often spoken at times like this, but I am unable to be honest today and not use words of high praise. I must speak, for when any strong man has lived well his memory is a precious inheritance. That which impresses me most in these first hours of realization that he has gone from us is the fact that our friend and fellow-citizen was pre-eminently a dynamic man, and that this is not accounted for by his public functions, nor explained by his personal activities. The consciousness of loss in the community is marked and peculiar. We know already that a force has been withdrawn; that energy has been subtracted from the sum total that moves the world.

"Mr. Allen was a positive power along many lines of influence; in the department of finance, of commerce, of municipal government; in the fields of education and art and philanthropy. In the social and moral and spiritual life he made himself felt in a manner at once strong and beneficent and altogether unusual. And, as I have said, the reasons for this do not appear in the things he did or the positions he occupied. The lesson of the hour for the living is the worth of manhood.

"Our first need today is not more manufacturers, but more men. Without manhood no city can be made. Our brightening prospects are because of the growing numbers of men and women who know that man does not live by bread alone. Mr. Allen's name will always be associated with two buildings in this city, the Board of Trade and the First Congregational Church. They are in a real sense his monuments. Into them he put thought and time and energy and treasure. For both structures he was chairman of the building committee. These two buildings stand for the concentrated but related ideas to which he devoted his energies, and one was a Christian service as well as the other, for every service of one's fellowmen has Christian quality."

In the earlier part of his discourse, Dr. Hopkins had said, after mentioning many of Mr. Allen's good qualities and characteristics:

"Considering these facts and characteristics, it is not, I believe, invidious, even in this presence of all that is most distinguished in our city, to say that Edward H. Allen was our foremost citizen."

From one of the press notices with regard to Mr. Allen, we make the following extract:



E. H. ALLEN.  
Chairman Board of Trustees, 1883-1895.

"He had great vigor of intellect and soundness of judgment, sterling integrity and strength of will. With a large, varied and exact knowledge, he was an effective public speaker, combining grace of style and weight of argument. In social life he could talk to amuse or to interest and instruct, as best suited the occasion."

The Board of Trustees of the church adopted and put on record resolutions highly appreciative of Mr. Allen. These resolutions were signed by August R. Meyer, H. M. Lee, J. C. Gates, Albert Marty and Edward E. Holmes.

We have given considerable space to these references to Mr. Allen, but the story of such a noble and useful life is worth recording. Would there were space for much that we have omitted.

Following the death of Mr. Allen, Mr. J. K. Burnham was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

In January, 1896, letters were granted to sixteen persons who wished to withdraw in order to form Beacon Hill Church.

In July, 1898, occurred the death of the mother of Dr. Hopkins. At the morning service July 31st, reference to the event was made by the assistant pastor, Rev. Paul Brown, and in suitable resolutions of sympathy and love for the pastor. The following words are from Mr. Brown's remarks:

"Few of us knew the one who has passed away, and yet her death comes close to us all. We have all of us known the impulse toward good, the light of truth, the helpfulness of tender sympathy in affliction, the strengthening of the best things in life of our city and our state through the presence and effort of the pastor of this church. We know that the character that blesses the world is not the fruit of a single generation, and that his force of faith and warmth of helpful love have their roots in the life of the home from which he came."

The resolutions referred to were prepared by Mr. J. M. Fox, one of a committee appointed for the purpose, and were eloquent in their expression of personal devotion to the pastor, and of sympathy for him in his time of sorrow. These resolutions were signed by ten of the trustees and deacons.

During the year ending in October, 1898, the moneys passing through the hands of the treasurer amounted to \$11,800, which included \$1,600 for benevolences, \$1,500 of this was for assistant pastor and \$2,500 was for music. Referring to the last item, the Trustees, in their report, express the opinion that the employment of the best musical talent that the city affords is a wise expenditure of money.

The assistant pastor, Rev. Paul Brown, made an extended report of his year's work, giving an outline of the special work entrusted to him:

1. To increase the attendance at Sunday-school.
2. To revive the work for the street boys.
3. To take in charge the monthly outlook meeting.
4. To interest young men in the young men's class in the Sunday-school, and, with that as a center, in other lines of work.
5. To conduct a popular evening service that should have as its special object the ministering to the needs of the population of our downtown district, with its crowded dwellings and many transients.

As to results along all these lines of work the report was encouraging. What he said on the second and fourth points seems of special interest as suggesting clearly something of the work for boys and young men to which for several years Dr. Hopkins had given much attention:

"Weekly meetings for newsboys were held during the winter. The attendance was from 28 to 90. The gatherings were at times exuberant, but attentive to stories and talks, and appreciative of efforts made for their pleasure. These meetings were discontinued through the summer, but we have kept our hands on the work by furnishing speakers for a weekly meeting of newsboys in the mailing room of a daily paper, and the way is wide open for further effort.

"The work for young men has been directed toward the strengthening of Class 21 in the Sunday-school. This class now numbers 45 young men, having in it 17 lawyers, 8 wholesale salesmen, 3 real estate and insurance men, 3 newspaper men, 1 physician, 1 school teacher, 1 merchant and 8 members of other callings.

"The class is now studying the Sermon on the Mount, having finished since March 1 a series on Types of Christian Manhood, and on things introductory to the life of Jesus. The association



THE TOWER, NEW FIRST CHURCH.

with these young men has been one of the most delightful things entering into the work of the year."

The credit for any success attained during the year, Mr. Brown modestly gives to "the men who have so loyally seconded" his efforts, and to the "wise counsel and generous help" of the pastor of the church.

The clerk, in his report, says:

"I think it not out of place in this report to say that Mr. Brown has filled the position of assistant pastor with marked ability and with untiring zeal and boundless enthusiasm."

The report of the Y. P. S. C. E. for this year (1898) shows twenty-six new members gained, making a total of ninety-one. The report enumerates many of the activities of the society, among themselves and about the city. It must at that time have been truly a vital and efficient part of the working force of the church.

The year 1898 seems to have been a particularly prosperous one for the church. The clerk's report shows a net gain in membership of twenty-one and the following year a gain of twelve, bringing the total to a little over 500.

The assistant pastor's report for 1899 states that his special efforts during the year centered upon three things: The evening service, the newsboys, and the young men. He feels that the efforts made to increase the interest in the evening service have been a failure. He says:

"We had music, stereopticon, and popular addresses—everything but an audience."

The report speaks more encouragingly of the work for the newsboys and for the young men's class, which then numbered about forty-five members. This was Mr. Brown's farewell report to the church.

In 1900 the membership roll was carefully revised, thereby reducing the total report for 1898 from 518 to 490. The net gain of twelve added to this made the total at the date of the report 502.

March 20th, 1900, a reception in celebration of the



twentieth anniversary of Dr. Hopkins' pastorate was given at the church, all friends being invited. In October of this year Dr. Hopkins was elected Vice-President of the A. B. C. F. M.

November 23rd, 1900, a special meeting was called at the church by Dr. Hopkins to start a movement for the suppression of vice in the city.

About eighty were present and took part in the discussion. Meetings continued for some time and much good resulted.

November 25th, 1900, another special meeting was called by Dr. Hopkins in the interest of Congregationalism in the two Kansas Citys. Good results followed this effort, also.

In 1901, the Men's Club of the First Church employed Mr. Wm. C. Johnson as a probation officer, and his salary was paid by the Club for two or three years, till a law was framed and, in spite of great opposition, was passed by the State Legislature, creating the Juvenile Court. Judge Wofford, Mr. J. V. C. Karnes, and quite a number of other prominent gentlemen, not members of the church, were members of the Club, and did effective work in advancing the movement.

Mr. Karnes himself gives an interesting account of the first move in the direction of the Juvenile Court. He says:

"I had become well acquainted with Dr. Hopkins through his interest in educational work and in the public library. I met him on the street one day, and he said to me: 'We are to have a meeting of the Men's Club at our church tonight to talk about the "Neglected Boy," and I would like to have you come.' I accepted the invitation and attended the meeting. Mr. Drake, Superintendent of the Reform School at Boonville, was there and spoke on the subject announced. Judge Wofford was there and R. L. Yeager, and Mr. Alfred Gregory and H. M. Beardsley and others. After we had heard Supt. Drake and discussed the subject informally for a while, some one said: 'There ought to be some sort of organized effort for the boy.' Those present, feeling this was true, immediately acted upon the suggestion, and organized then and there, for this special work. They made me President. We selected a man to attend the Court and watch the interests of the boys. We got out



J. C. GATES

Trustee a greater number of years than any other man  
in the History of the Church, 1881-1908.

some subscription cards and collected some money. We employed Mr. Johnson for a year or two as Probation Officer and paid his salary. After working in this way for a while the thought occurred to us of a Juvenile Court law, and after several years of effort, we succeeded in getting the present law through the State Legislature. Dr. Hopkins had a genuine interest in boys, and to him is due the credit of starting this movement of which has come the Juvenile Court."

The clerk's report for 1901 shows a net loss of eighteen in membership.

March 20th a reception was given Dr. Hopkins, marking the twenty-first anniversary of his pastorate.

March 12th, 13th and 14th, an Interstate Conference of Congregational Churches was held at the First Church. This was a meeting of unusual interest and importance, there being many interesting and inspiring addresses and discussions of the practical problems of church work.

Several of our national Congregational secretaries were present as speakers.

So, the years passed, one after another, the records indicating that the church was moving steadily forward, usually gaining in membership, sometimes suffering slight losses, keeping its receipts and benevolences pretty well up to the high-water mark, maintaining all departments of church work with great efficiency.

In 1880, the membership was about 150, and the population of the city about 55,000.

In 1902 the membership was about 500, and the population of the city about 200,000.

No doubt as the years passed the church appreciated more and more its great good fortune in having for its pastor such a man as Dr. Hopkins. To know him year after year in such a relationship was surely a high privilege, and must have been a constant inspiration. But the happy relationship was destined soon to be disturbed.

On the morning of January 18th, 1902, the members of the church and many others in Kansas City were startled by the announcement in the morning papers

that, on the day before, Dr. Henry Hopkins had been elected President of Williams College.

"Will he accept?" was the question in everybody's mind. "It cannot be that he will; we cannot spare him. No greater misfortune of its kind could come to Kansas City than to lose Dr. Hopkins."

And yet everybody realized that the selection was a wise one, and that the opportunity to become the head of the college of which his distinguished father had been President for many years, must appeal very strongly to Dr. Hopkins. Along with the dreadful fear of losing him there was also a genuine feeling of pride that he had been so honored by Williams. Every one's sober second thought was that the appointment was such a fitting one and the position must have such strong attractions for Dr. Hopkins that there could be but one answer: "He must and will accept," and this, as we all know, he did, leaving Kansas City for his new work about the first of May, 1902.

To his church he presented his resignation on March 2nd, in the letter which is given below:

To the First Congregational Church.

Dearly Beloved Friends:—There has come to me, as you know, an invitation to a new field of labor. I have interpreted this to be the will of Providence, the call of duty, and have accepted the call subject to your release of me from your service. I hereby, therefore, present my formal resignation of the pastorate of the First Congregational Church, the resignation to take effect, if agreeable to you, on the 20th of March, which date marks the completion of my twenty-second year of continuous service. I shall not attempt at this time to express at all the great sorrow that is in my heart at the prospect of parting from you, and from the work of our Lord with you, nor to tell you anything of the gratitude and affection towards this church and congregation, which has grown with every passing year. My enforced absence for the past few weeks has been a severe trial to me. Definite plans for the future will be arranged with the officers of the church and announced in due time.

HENRY HOPKINS.

At the mid-week service the next Wednesday evening this resignation was considered and accepted by the church.

A council was immediately called and met March 11th. Dr. Richard Cordley, who gave the charge to the people when Dr. Hopkins was installed in 1880, was the Moderator. Rev. J. P. O'Brien was the Scribe. After reviewing the facts in the case the council voted to approve the action of the church in accepting the resignation of Dr. Hopkins. Resolutions warmly appreciative of Dr. Hopkins and his service to the church, which had been adopted by the church upon the occasion of his resignation, were read to the council.

These resolutions were an eloquent testimonial to the affection which the members universally felt for Dr. Hopkins, to their pride in the record which he had made as pastor and citizen, and their "deep sense of obligation to him, and of personal loss, as he leaves to enter upon the high office to which he has been called."

The council, after making known its approval of the action taken by pastor and church, presented, among others, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That inasmuch as the pastorate of Dr. Hopkins, by reason of its length, its intimate relationship with all that has been best in our city's life, its fellowship with our sisterhood of churches, its vital connection with our educational activities, has been one of exceptional power and usefulness, we are pleased to accord our appreciation of the high service our brother has rendered as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; also the invaluable aid he has given our entire denominational interests throughout the Southwest, as well as the civic life of the municipality."

Thus the formal relationship of pastor and people ceased, but the actual separation did not take place until several weeks later.

Meanwhile many other things happened to show the high esteem in which Dr. Hopkins was held, both by the members of his own church and by the people of Kansas City generally.

On the next day after the council a meeting of the church was held and a committee appointed to find and recommend a new pastor.

April 6th a short article appeared in the *Star*, from which we quote two sentences:

"The position that the Rev. Henry Hopkins has occupied in this community has attracted notice because it has been almost unique. Few other ministers have had the confidence of those outside the church to a like degree."

April 12th, the following letter appeared in the *Star*, written by W. H. Ramsay, a letter which suggests to how great an extent people of other denominations felt that Dr. Hopkins belonged also to them:

"It is not often that a minister holds such a place in the affections of the people generally as Dr. Hopkins holds in the hearts of the people of Kansas City. Dr. Hopkins' pastorate is a fine object lesson to his brethren of every denomination. His success is a splendid testimonial to the power of consecrated manhood in the Christian ministry. Quietly, unostentatiously, without a shadow of sensationalism, Dr. Hopkins has done his splendid work, relying solely upon the power of Christian truth to make its own impression. But stronger than anything else as a factor in the success of this ministry, has been the influence of a genuine, consecrated and lovable personality. Such a ministry has an immeasurably wider influence than that which appears in pure denominational success."

Rev. D. Bains-Griffith wrote of him:

"From the beginning Dr. Hopkins has influenced the men at the heart of things—the makers and guardians of Kansas City."

His high ideals, his moral courage, his charming personality, his broad spirit of Christian helpfulness to individual men and women, of whatever creed or no creed, his earnest and practical efforts for the betterment of moral conditions in the city, and withal, his great, good commonsense tempered by love, made an enduring place for Henry Hopkins in the hearts and lives of the people of Kansas City.

April 20th, Dr. Hopkins preached his farewell sermon to an audience of his friends that filled the church. His closing words brought tears to many eyes. He used no text, desiring, as he said, not to attempt the unfolding of some great theme, but rather to have a simple heart-to-heart talk with his people. He said:

"This parting hour is one of gratitude—gratitude that I have been permitted to preach the Gospel to you for these twenty-two

years. I am thankful to you for your forbearance with me for my weakness and failures. You have always treated me with kindness and love. You have always stood square with the world. There has been no obstacle between me and any member of this church in the ministration of the truth. I have never consciously wronged a man, woman or child in the term of my work here, but I know, and you know, that I might have been a better man toward my fellowmen, and a better pastor. For this I ask your forgiveness."

Then he returned to what proved to be the main theme of his discourse—"The Gospel of Jesus Christ"—of which he had never been ashamed.

"Our point of view changes, theology changes, science advances, but the vital truth is not affected by these changes; our fundamental need remains ever the same, the need of the light and love and life of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Those who follow Christ are struggling toward an ideal of perfect morality. To such there is growth, there is increase of joy and strength, and comfort and harmony."

The occasion was evidently one never to be forgotten by those who were present. In closing, he urged his people to continue ever to "stand for something positive in religion and politics and social life."

Perhaps the most significant and impressive of all the farewell events was a banquet given Dr. Hopkins at the Hotel Baltimore on the evening of April 28th by one hundred prominent citizens of Kansas City.

Of this event one of the local papers said the next day:

"Perhaps no equal number of men more representative of every interest in Kansas City, charitable, religious, professional and business, ever sat down together at a banquet board, and never did any man still living have paid to him, because of the work he had accomplished and the high character he had sustained, more warm and inspiring tributes than the guest of honor of the evening received."

The toastmaster on this occasion was Mr. J. V. C. Karnes. Dr. Hopkins sat at Mr. Karnes' right near the head of the table. On Dr. Hopkins' right was Bishop Glennon of the Roman Catholic Church.

The speakers, who all paid glowing tributes to Dr.

Hopkins for what he was and for what he had done in and for Kansas City, were:

Mr. Karnes, R. L. Yeager, Father William Dalton, Judge Wofford, Dr. S. M. Neel, Rabbi H. M. Mayer, Prof. H. D. Blackmar of the University of Kansas, Henry D. Ashley, Arthur E. Stilwell, and Major William Warner, now Senator Warner.

At the close of his speech Mr. Ashley presented Dr. Hopkins with a handsome silver tea set from the men who gave the banquet.

Then the orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne." The guests rose to their feet and many of them sang the words of the song.

When Dr. Hopkins was introduced by Mr. Karnes he was enthusiastically applauded. He said:

"I feel as if I had been attending my own funeral. If I am still alive I am somewhat perplexed, because I cannot help thinking that you have been talking about the wrong man. I am in much doubt as to whether I have the right to acknowledge all the kind things that have been said about me here tonight. I assure you, however, despite my feeling of unworthiness, that I greet you with my most distinguished regard and heartfelt thanks. There are only two things worth living for, the love of those who love us, and the opportunity to take some part in the world's great movements; and as I have both, I feel that I have great reason for being happy and contented with my lot."

Dr. Hopkins, in referring to the handsome present which had been given him, paid a compliment to his wife, who, he said, had been his constant aid in winning whatever of success he had gained.

After a few words from Mr. Stilwell, "the company sang Auld Lang Syne with clasped hands. Many lingered for a parting handshake with Dr. Hopkins and a last word of good wishes."

Some time during these closing days a farewell reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins at the church. This was described as an "exceedingly happy occasion, with a noticeable air of affectionate cheerfulness."

There were music and flowers and kind words, the reception room downstairs being filled with the members of the church and friends.



So the record of Dr. Hopkins' exceedingly happy and successful ministry in Kansas City closes.

"Homeward serenely he walked, with God's benediction upon him. When he had passed, it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music."

The committee appointed to find a new pastor made a careful canvass of the field and finally, October 2nd, 1902, recommended to the church the Rev. James W. Fifield of Chicago. He was duly elected pastor at a salary of \$4,500. His letter of acceptance was read October 19th, and he preached his first sermon November 9th, 1902, to a large and appreciative audience.

Dr. Fifield took up the work in his new field with great earnestness and with clear ideas as to what the situation required, if the largest amount of good was to be accomplished by the church.

Early in 1903 the church suffered a great loss by the resignation of Mr. A. R. Meyer from the Board of Trustees, because of the fact that the members of his family were connected with another church and he wished to be with them. Mr. Meyer had for many years rendered invaluable service as a trustee and as a generous contributor toward the expenses of the church.

Resolutions were adopted by the church expressing appreciation of his long and faithful service, and regret at his withdrawal.

Soon after the coming of Dr. Fifield the number of trustees was increased from six to nine, and it was arranged that the trustees hold monthly meetings at the lunch hour, to be attended also by the pastor, the church treasurer, the clerk and the chairman of the house committee.

One of the things that Dr. Fifield thought ought to be done was to make some extensive changes and improvements in the church building.

At a meeting of the Trustees held December 2nd, 1903, he spoke very earnestly of these needed improvements. This led to the calling of a special meeting which a number of business men of the church were asked to attend.

At this meeting, held December 7th, at the home of Mr. Albert Marty, Dr. Fifield again presented his ideas of what ought to be done. At this and other meetings which followed the matter was fully discussed, an architect was consulted, the expense estimated, but it was finally decided not to make the changes, and the matter was apparently dropped.

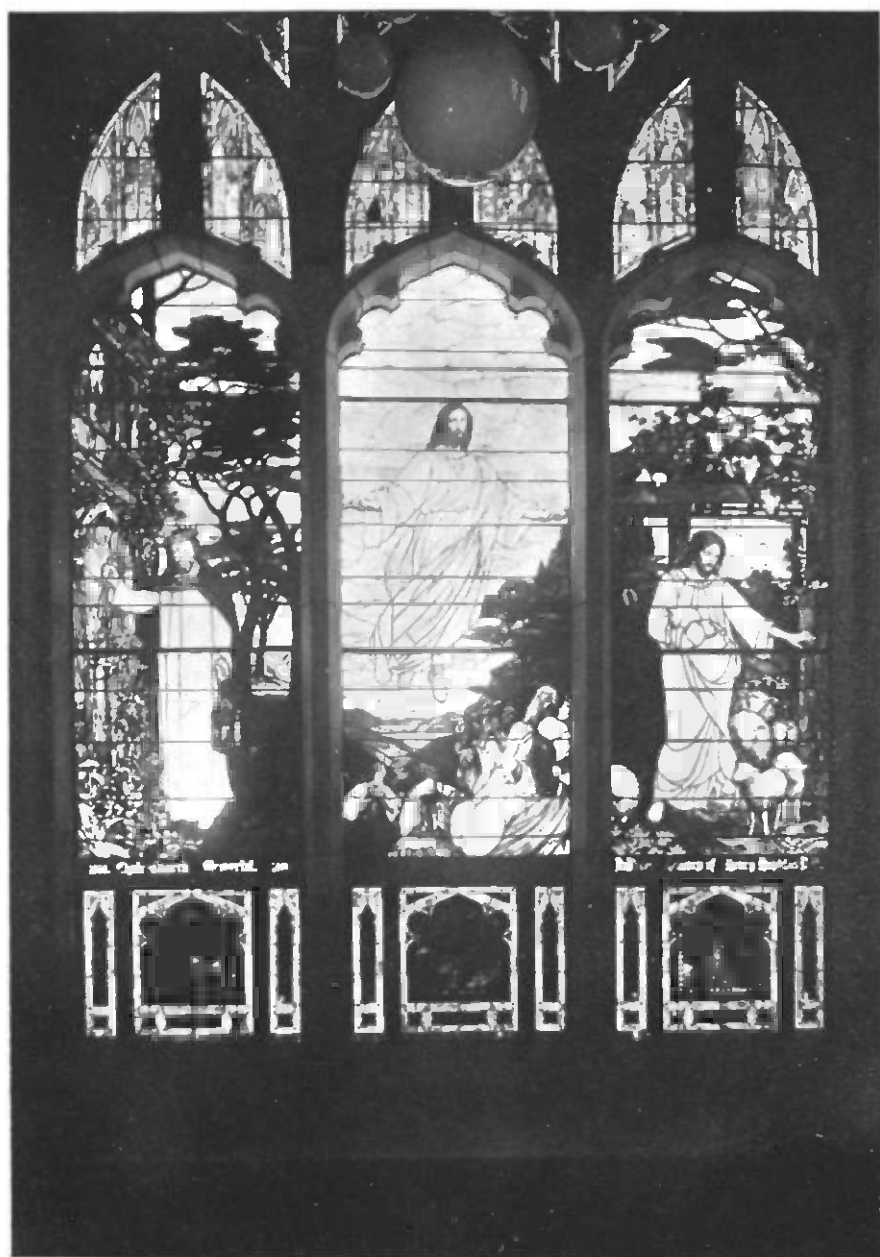
A letter from Dr. Fifield received August 15th, 1904, indicates a feeling of great disappointment on his part that the improvements above contemplated had not been made. There was still the hope in his mind, however, that something might yet be done. But the prospects for carrying out his ideal for the church did not seem to improve, and after a few months his resignation was presented and accepted by the church at the annual meeting, November 7th, 1904, to take effect December 31st.

The clerk's report on the same date states that sixty-five names had been dropped from the membership roll, leaving a total of 286.

At this meeting, also, a committee of three was appointed to appoint another committee of fifteen to consider plans for church work the coming year. The treasurer's report for the year shows disbursements of \$8,934.92, with a deficit of \$3,115.65.

The reports generally for the year show, whatever the reason for it, that in the affairs of the church there had been a very noticeable retrograde movement. The receipts were small compared with previous years; the membership roll of 285 did not compare well with 502 in 1900.

Both pastor and people had evidently started upon their work together with high anticipations. There was abundance of faith that the strong church and the great work which Dr. Hopkins had done so much to build up were to go right on; but many circumstances conspired to make it more and more difficult to hold the church together and keep things moving along on the same high level of success. Too many people had moved their



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homes to remote parts of the city. Too many who had loved Dr. Hopkins found it easier now to break away from the old First Church, and join other churches nearer their homes.

Dr. Fifield came to the church with high ideals, and a splendid equipment for a most difficult task, and he labored earnestly and prayerfully as pastor of the church which Dr. Hopkins had left; but as we can look back upon it now it is easy to see that, as incidental to the expansion and development of Kansas City, an ebb tide had set in for the First Church which perhaps Dr. Hopkins, if he had remained, would have been unable to check.

But even yet there seems to have been a lingering hope and faith born of enthusiasm for the old church which since 1866 had enrolled as members 1,323 persons, that it still had an important work to do in the downtown district. During the early part of 1905, several offers for the church property had been received and refused, because by vote of the members in 1904 it had been decided not to make any change in the location of the church. But there was a good deal of thinking and wondering what it would be best to do next.

The treasurer's report for the year ending October 2nd, 1905, indicates a considerable reduction of current expenses, but the expenses incidental to the grading of McGee Street and the alley east of the church brought the total up to \$10,640, which meant a deficit at the date of the report of nearly \$5,500.

This large deficit, together with the loss of members, was naturally discouraging even to so strong a church as the old First. Naturally, all the members who took a practical interest in the welfare of the church felt that a serious crisis was upon it, and that the financial problem for the future was going to be a hard one to solve unless some radical change was made.

The way this problem was worked out appears in the story of the New First, as given in a later chapter.

## CHAPTER V.

### AUXILIARIES.

#### 1. THE "BETTER HALF" OF "OLD FIRST."

1866—1907.

*Prepared by Miss Ellen Fox.*

The report for the first quarter century is condensed from one prepared by Miss Susan Babcock in 1891:

In the absence of records we must depend on the memory of those who wrought during the beginning of our church life.

The original number of six women was slightly increased during 1866, and in the fall, obeying the advice of some old writer to Christian workers, "to do the next thing," these women decided that the next thing was raising money to purchase a communion set. Sewing societies were accordingly held in private homes to make fancy articles, which were sold at a fair and strawberry festival held in June, '67, in Long's Hall. Other festivals followed. Women's prayer meetings (begun in 1867) met in private houses for four or five years.

Sociables, as a means of fostering acquaintance, were more important then than now. These also were held in private houses till increasing numbers necessitated removing them to the church. Coffee was sometimes made at Mrs. Forbes', but usually on one of the stoves in the rear of the room. Sometimes the oyster stew was scorched, but people were young in those days and were looking forward to better things. When the basement of the church was added the work was easier. Afterwards the parlors on McGee street were gladly welcomed. The earliest organized effort, the Foreign Missionary Society, dates from 1871, with Mrs. Roberts as president. We find no record of money raised till 1875, when \$45.60 was collected; in 1887, and the two following years, \$119.80. A report given in 1882 states that though the average attendance was only eight, 28 copies of "Life and Light" were taken and that \$100.00 had been sent to the State Treasurer.

The Home Society, including the Foreign Missionary Society, church work, and charitable work, was formed in 1879. The ear-



MRS. T. H. KENNEDY,  
Organizer and First President of the Ladies' Union  
the Old First Church, 1886.

liest records show that \$750.00 was raised to help pay for the organ.

It was decided in 1886 to hold all-day meetings; they must have been veritable all-day meetings, for on one occasion sixteen women tied five comforts. These were for the Provident Association.

October 1, 1886, it was voted to unite all the societies. October 22 the constitution drafted by Mrs. Runnells and Mrs. Wright, with the assistance of Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Hopkins, was adopted. Mrs. Kennedy, to whose untiring efforts the success of this plan is largely due, was the first president of the Ladies' Union for Christian Work.

The practical working of this plan has proved that in union is strength, for more has been done in all directions than ever before; and as one who joins the Union is thereby made a member of the three departments (Foreign Missionary, Home Missionary, and Local Work) she becomes interested in all.

Though much Home Missionary work was done under the auspices of the Home Society, no reports can be found. The records begin under the Ladies' Union, with Mrs. Wright as president. Since then monthly meetings have been held, where information regarding Home Missionary work has been presented. Barrels and boxes have been packed for missionaries in various states and territories; aid has been given to a missionary in Dakota in building a parsonage, to a student in Drury College, to the Ramona Indian School and to a school among the Romanists in New Mexico; \$799.00 has been raised by contributions. Under this department belongs the effort recently made by the women of the state to endow the chair of woman principal of Drury. The sum of \$83.00 has recently been raised for this purpose.

The Foreign Missionary Society has held interesting monthly meetings and has raised \$687.35 during the four years.

Last September (1891) one of our number, Miss Torrey, went to Japan to do missionary work (where she still is (1909) teaching music in Kobe College).

In February, 1888, the young women formed a Foreign Mission Circle, with Mrs. Albert Marty president. They have raised \$126.00. Recently they have formed themselves into a circle of King's Daughters, which will include, besides foreign work, a flower mission and other home work.

The first of our annual fairs was held December, 1886. It was decided that there should be no raffling nor voting and that not more than \$4.00 should be asked for any article.

The Friday lunches were begun October, 1887, as an experiment. They were so satisfactory as a means of cultivating sociability and getting members together for work that they have been continued.

November 4, 1887, this is the record: "\$5.00 was appropriated to purchase material for the Industrial School about to be started

by Mrs. Swayne and other ladies." This was the beginning of a very important branch of work. The average attendance has been about 150 pupils and 20 teachers. The girls are taught to sew neatly. When they can do this they make garments for themselves, which are given them. A Kindergarten class of small girls and boys is an interesting feature of the work. A meeting of the mothers of these children has been held every two weeks for advice, encouragement, and friendly intercourse. In October, 1889, the Local Board took entire charge of the school.

In November of the same year another important work was undertaken, the employment of a trained nurse to visit among the poor, without regard to color or denomination. A loan closet is kept, in which are articles to be lent or given to the needy. Delicacies are furnished, which are sometimes more useful than medicine.

Under the Local Board we find that contributions have been made to the Wayside Home, Children's Home, Provident Association, Woman's Refuge, Miss Roberts' Mission, W. C. A., Helping Hand Sunday School, Kindergarten of the W. C. T. U., Newsboys' Home, and Kansas City Congregational Union.

The amount that has passed through the Treasurer's hands was for 1887, \$589.64; for 1888, \$797.96; for 1889, \$1,604.79; for 1890, \$1,399.74.

All this has been accomplished by much work and some sacrifice. Cooking lessons, Emergency lectures, a Ben Hur entertainment, concerts, club suppers, fairs, and dinners have yielded our chief income. We hope that the next twenty-five years will show as great progress and that the present workers may live to see the results.

In the sixteen years that followed this quarter century report the Union lost many valuable members, one of those whom it could least afford to spare being the practical, sunny-tempered, great-hearted woman who penned that report. Not only could she record the doings of others; she could "do things" herself. Mention should also be made of the death of Mrs. Kennedy, to whose energy and efficiency Miss Babcock pays such eloquent tribute, and of Mrs. Runnells, who, after serving in various capacities, transferred her membership to the Clyde Union, in which she became a leading spirit. Though the voices of these tried and trusted ones ceased to be heard in our deliberations, their influence remained.

In these later years the course pursued by the Union



was marked by the same mingling of enthusiasm and moderation, of progressiveness and conservatism, which characterized its action from the beginning. It did not hesitate to drop a line of work when, in the judgment of its members, such work appeared to be no longer needed or could be safely handed over to another agency. Though its activities gradually broadened, in the main the plans laid by the founders commended themselves to the judgment of their successors.

In April, 1891, three months after the period covered by the preceding summary, we find from the annual report that several new plans of work announced at the last annual meeting had taxed the society to its utmost and that it had not been deemed advisable to enter upon any new work.

"Perhaps," says the secretary, "the better test of the strength of a society is its ability to carry on rather than to plan work. Judged by this standard, the past year of the Ladies' Union has been a successful one. None of the work then undertaken has been dropped, although in October, but for the timely assistance of the gentlemen of the church, the nursing work, an enterprise dear to the hearts of all, would necessarily have been abandoned for lack of funds. They most generously responded to the appeal made to them and pledged a sufficient amount to carry it on until the first of May, when it was thought a Nursing Association might be formed."

The generosity of the men in this case is but one of many instances of the brotherly spirit they have shown. Scattered through the records are references to their helpfulness in preparing directories, furnishing "game" for suppers, and making complimentary speeches, to say nothing of the cheerfulness with which they respond to frequent invitations to partake of the "gentlemen's lunches," which, of course, are pay lunches.

This year (1891) it was voted to make the work for Drury College a part of the regular work of the Union; also to relieve the church trustees by paying the salary of the district visitor to the end of the year. From this time on the women regarded the support of the church visitor as one of their special functions.

At the annual meeting in 1895, the chairman of the Local Board, after calling attention to the large attendance at the Sewing School, and at the Kindergarten, said that the visitor found evidence in the homes that the instruction given to the pupils was helpful. She added that the Local Department had enlarged its scope by conducting a coal yard. The visitor had been the bank to hold the little savings of those who formerly bought in the smallest quantities (even a nickel's worth), till there was enough to pay for a ton, which was sold at wholesale prices. This plan worked so well that it was continued. The Mothers' Meetings also continued to flourish. The visitor's report seldom fails to mention these. One Gospel meeting and one work meeting were held each month. We find such entries as the following:

"Average of twenty at the Mothers' Meetings. The comfort made by them is doing service for a very needy woman." "Mothers' Gospel and work meetings full of interest." "One meeting and two gala days (Mothers' birthday anniversaries) since last business meeting." "The band are to take up a collection to help pay for a brace needed by a boy in the free hospital." "Two of the best workers in the band have been soliciting and have secured forty dollars' worth of fruit to take to the hospitals."

In October, 1892, the Young Ladies' Society requested to become a fourth department of the Union, and received a hearty welcome.

From that time on this branch, while it had some special activities, notably the Kitchen Garden training, worked harmoniously with the Mother Society. The following is from the secretary's report at the annual meeting in 1895:

"The amount of work done during the year and its far-reaching scope always comes as a surprise to even the most active workers. The year that has closed showed sum totals a little larger than ever before."

The following year the same record says:

"As it would be too much to claim that our members are without fault—that in honor we always prefer one another—there must be some reason for this other than individual perfection. Perhaps it



DR. CLARENCE D. USHER, HARPOOT, TURKEY  
DR. MAX J. EXNER, Y. M. C. A., WORK, CHINA

MISS ELIZABETH TORREY,  
KOBE COLLEGE, JAPAN

MISS CHARLOTTE B. DEFOREST,  
KOBE COLLEGE, JAPAN

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will be found in the methodical thoroughness with which all work is apportioned so that each person has a share and a corresponding responsibility."

From the tenth annual report (1896) we find that for a time after the consolidation of the three societies the Home Missionary branch outshone the others.

"It was a time of plenty," says the scribe. "It was easy to fill barrels from the overflow. At first the value of these donations was four times the money sent to the State Secretary. \* \* \* Now, with but half a loaf ourselves and many more appeals than formerly, we reverse the order."

She also notes a transformation in the work of the Local Board which at first had but one responsibility, promoting acquaintance:

"While the Local department has gone on from year to year feeding the hungry at its own table in ever-increasing numbers, it has also enlarged the scope of its benevolent work little by little until it has truly become what was prophesied in the first annual report of the Society—a potent factor in raising the Christian character of the city to a level with its commercial greatness. While that consummation, so devoutly to be wished, is still far away, yet in these ten years a gain has surely been made, and we have proved to be an active center of contagion for Kansas City philanthropies. The work we are carrying on now would easily show it, but this is not all we have to our credit."

She then describes the beautiful work of the Nursing Association, which she calls "our grown-up child," and mentions various other benevolent organizations each of which will remind her audience of some influential member "who also belongs to us."

From the report of 1897 it is pleasant to quote the following:

"The Missionary meetings have been well attended, often equaling in numbers the business meeting, which is encouraging, for it requires a very small stretch of memory to recall the time when it was quite otherwise."

"The Ladies' Union has been likened to a hive in its industry. The comparison is even truer now, for we have sent out a swarm of our bees to start another hive." (Reference is made to those who went to Beacon Hill.)

In the report of 1899 we find the following comparison:

"From previous records we learn that when in 1886 Friday was set apart as a day for church work, an average of thirteen ladies met every week in the church parlors to sew. It is now not an unusual thing to have sixty ladies at luncheon and not an unheard of thing to have a hundred."

The attendance increased rather than diminished in succeeding years.

Of course the Local Board figures more prominently than any other in the minutes of the business meetings, and of course again finance occupies a prominent place in the deliberations of this board. As a rule the receipts from the fair constituted the chief source of income. Practically the entire year was spent in preparation for the fair; and the women watched the signs of the times as well as the signs of the weather, on the eve of the sale, with as much interest as do the managers of a political campaign on the eve of an election. The proceeds of the fair varied from year to year, once reaching \$1,000.

The Union early made a reputation for thoroughness. Its output could always be depended on. The dinners and lunches cost more than those served at other churches, but experts conceded that they were worth more. Many discriminating housewives depended on the fruit booth at the First Congregational Church fair for their winter's supply of jellies and preserves. At the other booths the anxious searcher for Christmas gifts was sure to find a tempting array of articles serviceable enough to suit the most practical, and dainty enough to appeal to the most fastidious. In short, the women spared no pains to make each article the best of its kind. (The four-dollar restriction did not long continue in force.)

In 1903 the Art Booth committee entered the field of literature, publishing in unique and artistic form, a cook book fit for the use of the queen in the nursery rhyme who descended to the kitchen to eat the food which she



MRS. CLARA C. HOFFMAN.  
For Twenty-five Years President of the Missouri W. C. T. U.

had doubtless prepared with her own fair hands. It is literally true, however trite, that this useful book has cheered the hearts of young matrons from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf. As a financial venture it satisfied the expectations of its compiler.

It may be inferred by the reader of the preceding pages that Marthas were more numerous than Marys in the Ladies' Union. Perhaps this inference is correct, yet the spiritual side was not wholly neglected. The business meetings were always opened with Scripture reading and prayer, and the study of the needs and the conditions of both the Home and Foreign Missionary fields must have resulted not only in informing, but also in spiritualizing the participants. Perhaps those who worked with the Mothers' Band received as well as bestowed the greatest blessing. Dr. Hopkins thought that in the final summing up this work would be the greatest of all attempted by the Union.

Comparing the receipts of several years with those given by Miss Babcock, we find a gradual increase up to 1900, when the amount reached \$3,288.99. After this the figures are smaller. Among the causes of this decline were the abandonment of the practice of including the cost of lunches among the receipts, and the saving of the expense of a church visitor by the subscription of volunteer workers. Meantime the contributions for Home and Foreign Missions show, with a few exceptions, a steady increase. From \$265.45 in 1892, they reach in 1900, \$912.97, and in 1907, \$1,224.35.

After the churches united, the women's organizations remained separate for a year. In April, 1907, the committee of arrangements for the annual meeting recommended that one set of officers be elected for the two societies, and that the society be known as the "Women's Association." At the May meeting the recommendation was adopted.

Thus ended the Ladies' Union of the Old First. Little did the handful of women who started the Sewing Societies in 1866 imagine that they were inaugurating a

movement which would touch so many lives and would result in the development of so much talent.

Many a woman who entered the Union merely to get acquainted became, by contact with earnest workers and by the acceptance of responsibility, a power for good. Doubtless to many the training received in this organization was equal to that gained from a University course.

It would be unfitting to close this report without mentioning the peculiarly strong and sympathetic relation between Dr. Hopkins and the women of the Union during all the years of his ministry. Without presuming or wishing to dictate, he nevertheless exerted a remarkable influence over the organization. He had the tact and the grace to guide and restrain where others, attempting to assume control, would have failed. His sympathy with the work and his confidence in the workers caused him to be looked upon as a wise and strong elder brother. His greatness of mind and of soul, together with his kindly nature, doubtless had much to do with shaping the broad and liberal policy which characterized the organization.

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## 2. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE OLD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

1865—1908.

*By C. S. Palmer.*

It is often said that the Sunday School is the mother of the church. This statement is true of the Sunday School of the old First Congregational Church.

November 18th, 1865, is the birthday of our Sunday School. The church was not organized until January, 1866.

The first session of the Sunday School was held in the First Christian Church, then located at the north-west corner of 12th and Main streets. The attendance was twelve scholars, six of them from one household. If we had the names of this family which had the



honor of furnishing half the scholars to begin an historical institution, they would form an interesting part of this record.

The superintendent was Mr. D. A. Williams, who will be remembered by many of the present members of the church.

From an address read by Mr. Williams on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church, much of the early history of the Sunday School is learned.

We give the names of the four teachers who helped inaugurate the school: Mr. M. B. Wright, Mr. W. P. Winner, Miss Carrie Wertz, and Miss Mollie Hopkins. Of this number of pioneers Mr. M. B. Wright is still living and is now a member of the Westminster Congregational Church of this city. Among the early teachers was also numbered Mr. J. W. Perkins, still a member of this church.

The Sunday-school thus begun was not large, the regular attendants numbering about thirty-nine scholars and ten teachers during the first year.

As suggestive of the modest beginning, Mr. Williams tells us that the Sunday-school library was stored in a market basket and kept by the superintendent, or some other attendant, at home during the week and carried to the school on Sunday.

About the first financial aid the school received was from Col. J. T. K. Hayward of Hannibal, Mo., a Sunday school superintendent, who appreciated the value of practical assistance in getting a new enterprise started. But think of it—Hannibal helping to finance a Sunday-school in Kansas City! At that time, however, Hannibal was one of the few places in Missouri where Congregationalism had made a start.

This recalls the historic fact that about the middle of the last century it was possible to find a direct connection between any Congregational church in the country and New England. The Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad was built by New Englanders, and the Congregational Church came with this railroad.

June 24th, 1866, the new church at Tenth and Grand was dedicated, and the Sunday-school moved into its own home. There the school grew in numbers and influence. Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, the first pastor of the church, organized a Bible class, whose leader was afterwards Hon. E. H. Allen, whose earnest interest in the church and all its activities ceased only at his death.

Mr. Williams makes interesting reference to the ungraded streets, without sidewalks, and the evening illumination by the "reliable lantern."

Mr. Williams continued as superintendent for three years, from 1865 to 1868, and was succeeded by Mr. Edward Vaughn, who had been assistant superintendent. Mr. Vaughn served for one year and was succeeded by Mr. John Doggett, who also served for a year.

Mr. James W. Perkins, still a faithful member of the church, was then elected and was the superintendent for eight years. Mr. Perkins had already served two years as assistant superintendent.

Sunday, January 1st, 1871, the attendance reached what was, up to that time, the high-water mark—140. The average attendance during these years seems to have been between 100 and 135.

At the end of 1877 Mr. J. E. Forbes was elected superintendent. He served for one year and was succeeded by Mr. E. A. Fussell, whose term of office was also one year. Mr. Robert Gillham was at the head of the school in 1880 and 1881. His interest in the church and its work continued until his untimely death a few years ago. Mr. John Lewis was superintendent in 1882 and Mr. B. F. Pierce in 1883. Mr. E. E. Holmes was the superintendent during 1884, 1885 and 1886. These were the first three years in the new church at Eleventh and McGee.

During the period in the old church at Tenth and Grand the Sunday-school had been a steady and permanent influence in the lives of the youth of the church.

A large number of the young people had come into the church, and their work and influence continue to the present time.

The Rev. James G. Roberts, the pastor of the church for more than ten years, and also Mrs. Roberts, were active in the Sunday-school, both of them serving as teachers a part of the time.

After Dr. Hopkins became pastor in 1880, and the removal to the new church, there seems to have been an increase in the membership of the school.

The last year in the old church the average attendance is recorded at 130; the first year in the new church at 148, and two years later at 174.

Mr. E. D. Bigelow was superintendent in 1887 and 1888, Mr. H. M. Beardsley from 1889 to 1899. During the earlier years of his administration the attendance reached the highest figures in the history of the school. In 1889 the average attendance was 188, and in 1890 it was 195.

Mr. S. W. Rider succeeded Mr. Beardsley and served until the end of 1901, when he was followed by Clarence S. Palmer, who held the office for four years.

In 1905, Mr. Alfred Gregory was chosen superintendent, and served something more than a year, and Mr. Fred N. Tufts closed the list of superintendents.

The story of the Sunday-school of the old First Church would be incomplete without some mention of the "Afternoon School," which for several years was a very active arm of the church.

At about the time of moving into the church at Eleventh and McGee, the Sunday-school had the strongest body of young folks in its history.

The young people's class, organized and led by Mrs. F. L. Underwood, sometimes numbered an attendance of seventy-five, and was an active factor in the Sunday school and in the social life of the church.

Out of this class grew the Afternoon school, which began in December, 1886. A very small number attended the first session of the school, but it grew fast,

and for a time was the big school of the church. Its average attendance ran as high as 265, and its maximum had a record of 409. Mr. John L. Butterfield was superintendent during the first two years, Mr. Clarence Palmer the next eight years, and Mr. Charles Hughson the remainder of the time until the two schools were united.

Out of the work of this school grew the church visitor, at first the visitor of this Sunday-school.

The Sewing school also was a child of the Afternoon school, and also the Mothers' meeting.

These three activities became a regular part of the church work, probably because they were taken up and sustained by the Ladies' Union, which seems to have a habit of "holding fast to that which is good."

Some other activities were not so permanent: the Boys' Club and the Cadet Company, the Hopkins Guards, are only a memory, and in some lives a permanent influence for good.

Mention should be made in connection with the Afternoon school of the very efficient services of the Rev. John H. Dennison, who was the assistant to Dr. Hopkins. He had that wide range of sympathy and intellect which enabled him to get co-operation from the most dignified business man and from the newsboys in the street.

Mention should be made of the church visitors whose help and sympathy have made brighter many a life in Kansas City. Miss Burbank, Miss Griffin, Miss Williams, Mrs. Rood, Miss Bennett and Mrs. Doane have done their part to "make Kansas City a good place to live in."

This work had the active sympathy and support of Dr. Hopkins, and his wise and kindly helpfulness is remembered gratefully in many families of this wider parish.

While, under the leadership of Dr. Hopkins, the church was making itself one of the great forces in the civic life of the city, the Afternoon school was the mis-

sionary arm of the church, reaching some children whose parents were already in association with the church—reaching many more homes where it formed the only connection with religious life and work. In a limited way it was almost the pioneer in institutional work in the city.

It is unfortunate that the loss of the church records prevents the preparation of a more complete history of the Sunday-school life of the old First Church. The real work was not done by the superintendents whose names have been preserved, but by the earnest and faithful officers and teachers, who were in closer personal touch with the individual members of the classes. It was the teachers who brought to pass the results that form the most valuable fruitage of a successful school; to them belongs much of the credit for a growing and prosperous church.

In the Afternoon school alone, during its life, more than one hundred different teachers were in active service.

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### 3. THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY OF THE OLD FIRST CHURCH.

1890-1905.

*By Miss Della Drake.*

The Endeavor Society of the old First Church was organized in 1890 under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dodd and Mrs. Griffin, whose splendid work for the young people of the Sunday-school had brought them into close sympathy with Dr. Clark's great movement, and it continued until the union of the two churches, when, in the fall of 1905, it finally merged into the society of the Clyde Branch, which at the time showed much greater strength and activity.

Sixteen charter members were enrolled with Dr. Dodd as first president, but it was not long before there were members enough to fill all the committees and enable

the society to make history for itself, both in its own church and in the local union of the Endeavor societies.

Delegates were sent to the great national conventions, and the "echo" meetings of song and inspiration made all the members feel the power of united effort "for Christ and the Church," while the society grew in strength, largely through the zeal of those who had caught the inspiration of the historic gatherings that marked the early years of Christian Endeavor.

The society owed much of its growth and development to our dearly beloved pastor, Dr. Henry Hopkins, whose influence and interest was always felt among us, and whose smile of approval was our exceeding great reward. It was a great occasion for the society when Dr. Hopkins was leader, as he frequently was at our consecration meetings, and we shall never cease to be grateful that we grew from boys and girls into men and women under such a pastor, and came into such close personal relationship with him through the Endeavor Society.

Next to Dr. Hopkins, however, in the minds and hearts of all Endeavorers, stood our beloved Deacon Wheeler, whose devotion to the young people of the Old First Church, both in Sunday-school work and in the Endeavor Society, will never be forgotten. He was the Nestor of our religious life and the center of our social life, and more than any one person is responsible for the happy memories that we all have of our work together.

We like to think that our society was a power in the lives of its members, and the years that have passed have surely proved the mettle of many of our most faithful workers. Mr. G. V. Stryker, under whose presidency the society reached its climax of prosperity in '94 with an average attendance of over one hundred, left us to enter the ministry, and is now filling a successful pastorate in Mill River, Mass.

Dr. Clarence Usher, who kindled the fires of missionary zeal among us until we twice had the State ban-



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ner for missionary work, is now a prominent medical missionary in Turkey.

And we think we have good reason to be proud of some of our members who have become so well and favorably known in local musical circles who began their careers among us. Music, indeed, was always a strong note in the life of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees were active members, while Mrs. Voorhees was in the church choir, and we often enjoyed a solo from her, while a quartette from our number sang at our regular meetings, and led in college glees at our socials. And such merry times as we did have at our socials! One of the delightful features of the old church was its open fireplaces, and an Endeavor social usually meant a gathering 'round the fire, perhaps for a fagot party, with Mr. Beardsley to entertain us with his stories—for he was often one of our honored guests, both at our meetings and our socials—or possibly for a Hallowe'en frolic in the dusky light of jack-o'-lanterns and candles.

Every business meeting was a social occasion, too, but here we enjoyed some development along literary lines as well, for after the transaction of the necessary business and incidental training in Roberts' Rules of Order, came the reading of our society paper, which endeavored to reflect the "wit and wisdom" of the members, and gave our well-beloved poet, who crystallized all our good times into verse, an opportunity to share his verses with us all.

Underneath all the merriment of this social life, however, there was a deep undercurrent of spiritual life, and not one of us, I am sure, ever forgot or grew careless of our watchword, "For Christ and the Church." Members were constantly transferred from the associate to the active list, and lives of love and service testified to the real influence of Christian Endeavor. Two lives especially stand out in clear relief from the rest, perhaps because we may know them no more here on earth, and make us thankful that it was given to some of us to



feel the uplift of such beautiful lives as those of Julia Cutter Bodle and Forrest C. Hughson.

Scattered are the old members and gone, but memories remain which grow more and more fragrant as the years pass, and the Endeavor pledge which we signed in the old days still binds us to Christian service, even though it is not given to some of us to serve actively in the society which is making history for Christian Endeavor in the new church.



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CLYDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, MO.

1882-1905.



REV. J. H. WILLIAMS, D. D.  
First Pastor of Clyde, 1882-1893.

## CHAPTER VI.

1882-1883.

### THE BEGINNINGS.

It was in 1882 that a few Congregationalists, living in the neighborhood of Independence and Brooklyn avenues, began to think and talk of the advantage of having a church of their own near their homes. An Eastern woman had given \$2,000 to aid in establishing a Christian church somewhere in Kansas City.

These are the two facts that, humanly speaking, led to the organization of Clyde Congregational Church, which for about twenty-three years was located near the corner of Seventh and Brooklyn, and then united with the old First Church to form the new First.

As stated in the history of the First Church, Kansas City, after the close of the Civil war, grew rapidly, and at the time Clyde was organized, in 1882, the population was about 85,000.

The residence district was steadily reaching out toward the northeastern part of the city. Public schools were already to be found as far east as Eighth and Woodland.

A little company of those who were interested in the new church enterprise met at the house of Mr. Albert Marty, April 20th, 1882, for a conference on the subject. Among those present were Rev. Henry Hopkins, B. R. Bacon, H. R. Weaver, Albert Marty and E. A. Fussell. Mr. Marty called the meeting to order. Mr. Bacon was made chairman and Mr. Fussell secretary.

Those present expressed themselves as unanimously in favor of organizing a new church somewhere in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hopkins stated that \$2,000 had been given by a Mrs. Clyde, a relative of Mr. Weaver, which would be

available for the purpose. All agreed that the general locality was a good one for the new church, though some thought that Independence and Brooklyn was a little too far east.

Two more meetings were held without definite results. After an unsuccessful effort to buy a lot at Seventh and Garfield, finally, May 16th, 1882, Seventh and Brooklyn was decided upon. This was bought for \$2,500, and the action of the committee in making the purchase was approved later by the church.

So the first stakes were driven and the history of a new church at the corner of Seventh and Brooklyn began.

But so earnest was their desire to get together in Christian fellowship, and for the worship of God, that they could not wait for a building to be erected, or even for the formal organization of a church. May 21st, 1882, they held a religious service in a grove back of Mr. B. R. Bacon's house, at the northeast corner of Independence and Garfield. About one hundred and fifty people were present at this service, which was conducted by Rev. James G. Roberts and Rev. Henry Hopkins.

On the next Sunday, May 28th, 1882, about sixty people met in Mr. Gates' barn and organized a Sunday school, making Mr. E. A. Fussell superintendent and Mr. Bacon his assistant. A further account of the Sunday school will be given in another place by Mr. Frank Weaver, one of the early pupils.

From this time on a Sunday school and preaching services were held in Mr. Gates' barn or in the grove or in the lot adjoining the barn, until the cool weather came.

During this time also a regular prayer meeting was maintained on Thursday evenings at private houses, until about the first of August, and after that in Mr. Gates' barn.

The first of these prayer meetings was held June 8th, 1882, at Mr. Fussell's house.

Thus we have good evidence that these people who were planning for a church of their own had got things right end first; they were already in touch with one another as Christian brethren and before God; a real church life had begun, and now they could afford to wait patiently for the completed organization and the house of worship.

But they did not have to wait long. On Monday, June 12th, 1882, a meeting was held at the house of Mr. C. F. Emery for the purpose of organizing a church. There were nine persons present, who were as follows:

Rev. Henry Hopkins,  
Mr. B. R. Bacon,  
Albert Marty,  
V. W. Coddington,  
Mr. Whelan,

Mrs. Whelan,  
Chas. F. Emery,  
Mrs. C. F. Emery,  
E. A. Fussell.

Mr. Fussell was made secretary. Fourteen names were presented of people who would probably join the church if it organized. Rev. Henry Hopkins offered prayer, asking God's blessing upon the enterprise.

Sunday afternoon, June 25th, 1882, at an adjourned meeting held in Mr. Gates' barn, a committee appointed at the preceding meeting reported a Constitution, Articles of Faith, Covenant, Form of Admission and Manual of Business.

The same committee presented the following list of names of persons who had come with letters of dismission from other churches, and who desired to unite in the formation of the new church:

Mr. Charles F. Emery,  
Mrs. Charles F. Emery,  
Mr. B. R. Bacon,  
Mrs. B. R. Bacon,  
Miss Hortense Bacon,

Mrs. Annie G. Harris,  
Mr. V. W. Coddington,  
Mr. E. A. Fussell,  
Mrs. E. A. Fussell.

These nine persons adopted the Confession of Faith presented by the committee and entered into Christian covenant, promising to be loyal members of Christ's church, true to God and one another in the relationship thus formed.

With some amendments and additions the Kansas Manual for Congregational churches was adopted.

A careful comparison of this with our recently adopted "Constitution and By-Laws" shows a great similarity between the two, and that the differences are mainly incidental to adaptation to the needs of a larger church. The Confession of Faith and the Covenant found on a later page, as we have re-written them will speak for themselves. They have at least the merit of greater clearness and simplicity.

After the adoption of the Constitution, etc., the following officers were elected:

Deacons—V. W. Coddington, E. A. Fussell.

Trustees—B. R. Bacon, C. F. Emery, H. R. Weaver.

Treasurer—B. R. Bacon.

Clerk—E. A. Fussell.

Thus the organization of Clyde was completed June 25th, 1882.

Every line of the clerk's record reveals the genuine moral earnestness and Christian enthusiasm of that small company of men and women who were giving their time and their money and themselves to the high and holy work of planting a new Christian church where it was needed.

From this point on the story has to do not only with individuals making a brave struggle in a good cause, but also, and more especially, with a new unit in the Christian world—"Clyde Congregational Church."

In July a building committee was appointed to proceed at once to erect a suitable house of worship on the lot already selected and purchased.

Early in September the architect's plans for a chapel were ready for inspection. The estimated cost was \$6,500, and the members decided with enthusiasm to go ahead and build it.

Three weeks later, September 24th, the cornerstone was laid, Rev. Henry Hopkins conducting the service.

We can imagine with what eagerness the progress of the building was watched, especially as the cool autumn





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HORTENSE BACON  
(MRS. OSTERMEYER)

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CLYDE.

days became more and more suggestive of winter.

Under November 12th, 1882, we find this record: "Held first session of the Sunday-school in the chapel, not yet quite finished."

Then, under November 16th: "First prayer meeting held in the chapel." The clerk's record of that first prayer meeting does not betray the fact that the night was stormy and the only persons present were Mr. Fussell and Mr. Elliott. We may be sure that these two men were not discouraged and that they had a good meeting.

Ten days later, November 26th, the first preaching service was held in the chapel, the preacher being the Rev. John H. Williams, destined soon to become the pastor of the new church.

Mr. Williams had come from Marblehead, Mass., in response to an invitation by telegram. There were only about thirty-five people present, as it was not generally known that there would be a preaching service.

From this on for a few weeks Mr. Bartlett, the former pastor of First Church, supplied the pulpit.

## CHAPTER VII.

1883-1893.

### DR. J. H. WILLIAMS' PASTORATE.

December 4th the church voted to call Mr. Williams at a salary of \$1,800. An interesting fact in this connection, not given in the clerk's record, is that only four male members of the church were present at that meeting. It would not be very hard to guess who they were.

Mr. Williams accepted the call and came to Kansas City, and was for a little more than ten years the beloved pastor of Clyde, but now, after twenty-five years have passed, he confesses that the field at first sight was not attractive to him. The muddy, unpaved streets, the remoteness from town, the half-finished building, the small congregation on that first Sunday, made him a little bit homesick at the thought of actually locating here. With many misgivings he called the next morning on Mr. H. R. Weaver at his office to talk the matter over. He said to Mr. Weaver: "How is this? You have asked me to come out here and preach to you with a view to becoming your pastor at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. The enterprise looks a little shaky to me. What certainty is there that if I should bring my family out here the \$1,800 will be raised?" Mr. Weaver smiled and said: "Before answering your question, Mr. Williams, let me call in Mr. Bacon and Mr. Fussell; they are close by." (Possibly also Mr. Emery.) These men at once came in, and Mr. Williams was asked to repeat his question, which he did. Mr. Bacon, in answering it, said: "Mr. Williams, we are business men, and while we are not wealthy, we have made a fair start, and I want to say to you that every dollar of property that we possess we have pledged as

a guaranty that the financial obligations of Clyde Church will be met."

This was Mr. Williams' first taste of the Kansas City spirit, and of Clyde's faith in itself. It was a revelation to him and he immediately said to himself: "These men are in earnest, and with four such men back of the new church enterprise it cannot fail."

How much in earnest these men were appears clearly enough in the record of the years that followed. No further argument was needed. Mr. Williams' heart was won to Clyde and to Kansas City, and when the formal call came his answer was ready, though it was not given the church till January 27th, 1883. His letter of acceptance follows:

To the Committee of the Clyde Church,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Brethren:—It gives me great pleasure to accept the hearty call which you have extended to me to become the pastor of the Clyde Church in Kansas City. I feel grateful to you for the invitation, grateful to God for putting it into your hearts, and look forward with anticipation to the work that is opening before me. May the prospects of that field prove to be substantial, may all our hopes be realized, and may our mutual labors be fruitful in the salvation of many souls, and in building up on that spot a strong and useful church.

Yours in Christian love,

JOHN H. WILLIAMS.

Marblehead, January 27, 1883.

With the prospect of a new pastor soon to come, the church was in a position, at the beginning of the new year, to present a square front to the world. January 15th they voted to raise \$2,500 for the current expenses of the year.

Mr. Williams began his work as pastor February 10th, 1883, using as his text 1 Cor. 12:10, "For Christ's sake"—a text which suggests truly the spirit and purpose of Mr. Williams' ministry from first to last.

When Mr. Williams faced his people on that first Sabbath the chapel was still unfinished; but what of that? Even though the walls were unplastered and the seats

common chairs and the floors uncarpeted, there was a roof over them and above that the blue sky, and pastor and people were together within those bare walls, and they were happy in that first meeting for the worship of God. It seemed to them that now they were making a real beginning of their church life. Perhaps the bare walls even helped them to feel as the poet did when he wrote:

"My heart does best to receive in meekness  
That mode of worship as most to His mind,  
Where earthly aids being cast behind,  
His all in all appears serene,  
With the thinnest human veil between,  
Letting the mystic lamps, the seven,  
The many motions of his spirit,  
Pass, as they list, to earth from heaven."

One cannot read the record of the ten years' ministry that followed without feeling that it was a rarely happy and successful one. Many of the details must, for lack of space, be omitted from this story, though all of them being a part of the life of the church, and that life during these ten years such a beautiful one, are blended together with so much of the spirit of Christian love and service that they are important and interesting. We must be content, however, to notice only certain more prominent features of the church life and work.

#### First, THE MEMBERSHIP.

It was a small beginning that the church made, June 25th, 1882, with nine charter members, but when one can chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, three may be a host, and here were three times three, and some of them, at least, had in their make-up the elements of true Christian heroism.

At the first communion celebrated by the church, May 6th, 1883, the number nine was increased to seventeen, and at the close of the year there were thirty-three members.

From this time on, through the ten years, there were very few communion services when some addition was

not made to the membership. The largest net gain, of about fifty, was made in 1888.

At the close of Mr. Williams' pastorate the membership was not far from two hundred and sixty, making an average annual gain for the church of about twenty-five.

But it is a very small part of the story that the bare figures tell. It would be far more interesting and suggestive if we could take time to call the roll of names to be found in the Clyde register. There are about three hundred and ninety of them down to July 21st, 1893, the date of Mr. Williams' dismissal. Of this number only about ten had been removed by death. Letters of dismissal were given to about eighty, which would leave three hundred names still on the roll. The Congregational Year Book, however, gives Clyde, at the close of 1893, a membership of two hundred and sixty-seven, and forty-four absent.

Running over this list of three hundred and ninety names we find many that are still familiar to us, and some that mean a good deal to those who know the story of Clyde and have been, to some extent, identified with it.

The only one of the charter members still with us is Mrs. C. F. Emery. Mr. E. A. Fussell took a letter, in 1901, to the Eliot Congregational Church, Boston, where he serves as one of the deacons of the church.

No one who knew Mr. Fussell here can mention his name without thinking of his long, enthusiastic and faithful services as superintendent of the Sunday school, clerk of the church, trustee, deacon, special committee man and universally helpful Christian brother.

Mr. Emery, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Coddington, all rendered long and faithful service to Clyde. These founders of Clyde have a permanent place in the record and deserve to be gratefully remembered.

In all, we find about seventy-five names still on our roll of those who became members of Clyde while Mr. Williams was its pastor.

Below is a complete list of these given in the order in which they joined. Among them we find the names of many of our most valuable members, quite a number of them mere children when they were received.

This list of names will help us in one way to measure the amount of our indebtedness to Mr. Williams and to Clyde for their faithful work together during the ten years of his pastorate.

In trying to make an estimate of the fruits of those ten years we must add to this list the names of many who came into the church under the happy influence of Mr. Williams and his faithful helpers, and who are now members of other churches in various parts of the country and still feel resting upon them the benediction of that remarkable ministry, and are trying to pass the blessing on to others. Of these we mention one, Mr. W. H. Lewis, who has been a prominent leader in Christian Endeavor work in Washington, D. C.; a Sunday-school superintendent in Seattle, Wash., and has just been elected President of the National Congregational Brotherhood.

Names still on our roll of those who joined Clyde during the first ten years of its history:

|                          |      |                           |      |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| C. F. Emery.....         | 1882 | Mrs. C. E. Manning.....   | 1887 |
| Mrs. C. F. Emery.....    | "    | Frances D. Sutliff.....   | "    |
| W. J. Elliott.....       | 1883 | Mrs. Hannah Chandler....  | "    |
| W. C. Tabb.....          | "    | A. I. Smith.....          | "    |
| Mrs. Tabb. . . . .       | "    | Mrs. Smith. . . . .       | "    |
| W. H. Wormstead.....     | 1884 | Geo. H. Barse.....        | 1888 |
| Mrs. Wormstead. . . . .  | "    | Mrs. Barse. . . . .       | "    |
| J. A. Hays.....          | "    | Hattie E. Barse.....      | "    |
| Mrs. Hays. . . . .       | "    | Mrs. Snoddy. . . . .      | "    |
| Mrs. Hattie Ross.....    | "    | Mrs. Chas. B. Overton.... | "    |
| Mrs. Ella Traber.....    | "    | John W. Elliott.....      | 1889 |
| Lilly Brooks.....        | 1885 | Mrs. Louise E. Jones..... | "    |
| Florence E. Elliott..... | "    | Mrs. C. M. Gilbert.....   | "    |
| F. M. Weaver.....        | 1886 | C. T. Pickett.....        | "    |
| Percy Ross. . . . .      | "    | Mrs. Pickett. . . . .     | "    |
| Jessie Hays. . . . .     | "    | Lorenzo Luce.....         | 1890 |
| Harold Hays. . . . .     | "    | Mrs. Luce. . . . .        | "    |
| W. W. McEntire.....      | "    | Mrs. Emma A. Thompson..   | "    |
| Mrs. McEntire. . . . .   | "    | Mrs. Ethel Aylesworth.... | "    |

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| Augustus B. Emery.....      | 1886 | Mrs. Eugene Rust.....       | 1890 |
| Howard P. Ross.....         | "    | Fred W. Rust.....           | "    |
| Mrs. Annie Judson.....      | "    | Donald E. Rust.....         | "    |
| O. J. Hill.....             | "    | Walter T. Brooks.....       | "    |
| Mrs. Hill.....              | "    | Samuel L. Wormstead.....    | "    |
| Chas. M. Lewis.....         | 1891 | Mrs. J. R. Mills.....       | "    |
| Mrs. Lewis.....             | "    | Mrs. G. W. Hormell.....     | 1893 |
| Ward M. Lewis.....          | "    | C. B. Norton.....           | "    |
| Mrs. Ruby 9. Severance..... | "    | Mrs. Norton.....            | "    |
| Miss Geneva Chandler.....   | "    | Mrs. Amelia B. Norton.....  | "    |
| E. M. Fuller.....           | "    | Mrs. R. M. Keating.....     | "    |
| Mrs. Fuller.....            | "    | Edith May Norton.....       | "    |
| Clarence Fuller.....        | "    | Imogene Downs Robinson..... | "    |
| F. A. Leach.....            | 1892 | Mrs. Ward M. Lewis.....     | "    |
| Mrs. Ella Severance.....    | "    | Mrs. Edith P. Rogers.....   | "    |
| Ora A. Severance.....       | "    | Mrs. A. H. Brown.....       | "    |
| Mrs. W. R. Norton.....      | "    | Mrs. J. B. Sutliff.....     | "    |
| Mrs. Florence Moran.....    | "    | Cora Pickett.....           | "    |

## Second, EQUIPMENT.

Clyde's external and material equipment was exceedingly modest but serviceable. The plan was eventually to put up a good church building on the corner of Seventh and Brooklyn. The beginning was made, however, with the erection of a small chapel, the outline of which may be clearly seen as it forms now the north end of the enlarged structure. The building committee in charge of this first work consisted of C. F. Emery, H. R. Weaver, and E. A. Fussell. They were appointed July 13th, 1882, and made their final report at the annual meeting January 21st, 1884, showing the amount expended on the chapel to have been \$6,789.

The cornerstone, as stated above, was laid September 24th, 1882, and the chapel seems to have been dedicated on October 19th, 1883, the day of Mr. Williams' installation as pastor.

How much of self-denial and persistent, consecrated effort, were necessary in gaining this result is only faintly suggested by the clerk's record of meetings, and committees, and subscription lists and repeated calls for more money to complete the building.

When the chapel was well under way a tornado struck



it, and the record shows that about \$300 was required to repair the damage.

But in spite of the difficulties and the slow progress, there is never a note of discouragement in the record. And visible results were soon to justify the faith which the founders had in the wisdom and the final success of the enterprise. It was not long before it became evident that the new chapel was too small, and the question of enlargement was discussed at the annual meeting January 18th, 1886.

February 3rd of the same year, J. A. Hays, E. A. Fussell, B. R. Bacon, W. J. Elliott, and C. F. Emery, were appointed a committee of ways and means.

May 5th they reported sufficient funds secured, and a building committee was appointed to proceed with the work—the final cost of which was over \$7,000. The greatly enlarged and improved building was rededicated, with interesting ceremonies, December 17th, 1886. The sermon upon this occasion was preached by Dr. H. A. Stimson of St. Louis, now of New York City, and the dedicatory prayer was by Rev. Henry Hopkins.

It should be recorded here that at this dedicatory service Mr. Hopkins pledged the First Church to the amount of \$1,000 to help pay the cost of the extension.

In 1889 another addition was made to the building to provide better accommodations for the primary classes. The cost of this improvement, about \$650, was borne by a "friend of the school." So much for the building itself.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. H. R. Weaver received from members of the Central Congregational church of Fall River, Mass., \$100 to be used toward the purchase of a bell for the chapel. In 1884 the Ladies' Aid Society of Clyde voted to contribute the balance necessary for an 800-pound bell. It was ordered from the McShane bell foundry of Baltimore, and cost, in the tower, \$250. It was rung for the first time March 16th, 1884, by the pastor, Mr. Williams, calling the children to Sunday school.



REV. J. L. SEWALL  
1893-1896  
REV. J. B. RICHARDSON  
1896-1898  
SIX MONTHS

REV. J. H. WILLIAMS, D.D.  
1893-1893  
REV. ALBERT BUSHNELL, D.D.  
1900-1905

REV. WOLCOTT CALKINS, D.D.  
1896-1897  
REV. E. LEE HOWARD  
1898-1900

CLYDE PASTORS.

Doubtless those who heard that bell ring for the first time, and many of those who came to Clyde later, remember its tones with a genuine affection, somewhat even as they remember the tones of the pastor's voice. Both are yet, and must ever remain, a part of the warp and woof of their very lives.

Another and still more important addition to the equipment of the church was made in 1891. Under March 8th, 1891, we find in the clerk's record this entry: "This is the first Sunday with the new organ"—leaving us to imagine for ourselves how the church came to have a new organ.

But in the Decennial number of the "Clyde" the history of this organ is given briefly, as follows: "During the year 1889, the people began to agitate the question of a pipe organ. The ladies began in earnest to work for it, and at the close of the year had for the purpose a good sum in the bank. They continued their efforts through the year 1890, and on March 3rd, 1891, an organ recital was given before a large audience. The organ was from the factory of Stevens & Co., of Cambridge, Mass., and the total cost was \$1,674."

So, in 1891, the plant was practically complete as it remained until 1908, when the parish house of the new church was ready for use.

It is comparatively easy to give the outline record of Clyde's progress in material things, but the steps in the progress were not so easily taken, and the fact that they were taken at all is good evidence of the deep moral earnestness and the Christian enthusiasm of the membership of Clyde. One cannot read the story of the finances of the church, the raising and expenditure of money for current expenses, without feeling that the record was a creditable one, and that often in overcoming the financial difficulties there was an exercise of the spirit of real heroism. It was too often true that the treasurer's report showed a considerable deficit at the close of the year, but the wonder is that these deficits were not greater, and that when announced, such

prompt and faithful effort to remove them could generally be relied upon. An example of the readiness of the congregation to rise to the financial situation is seen in the action taken at the annual meeting in January, 1890. The committee on appropriations for the ensuing year, after considerable discussion, announced that they were unable to agree on a report until some arrangement had been made to pay a note of \$1,000 held by a bank against the church.

After speeches from two or three members of the committee, putting the situation before the congregation, a subscription was started and in a few minutes the whole amount was pledged.

The committee then promptly recommended appropriations amounting to \$3,300, of which \$2,500 was for pastor's salary.

When we read further and learn that the home expenses for that year amounted to over \$3,600, and the benevolences to nearly \$1,000 more, we realize that there must have been in Clyde a good deal of the spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice to make these results possible. Similar figures for the other years will be found in the statistical tables given on another page.

It will be seen by referring to the table that the appropriations for 1889 were a little smaller than for 1888, and that for the next year they were still smaller, and that for 1892 they were \$1,000 less than for 1888, indicating clearly that Clyde, in its financial matters, was feeling considerably the depression in the business world.

For four years beginning with 1884 Clyde received financial aid from our Home Missionary Society, and then became self-supporting.

In 1884 the debt of the church was refunded by borrowing \$3,500 from Miss Sarah Batchelder, and the interest on this debt was for some years a regular part of the financial burden of the church.

Mention has already been made of \$1,000 contributed

in 1886 by the First Church to help pay for the enlargement of the chapel.

In the latter part of 1887, with the hope of raising more easily the money needed for current expenses, the seats in the church were sold. Evidently the result was encouraging, for the appropriations for the following year amounted to \$4,000.

### Third, BENEVOLENCES.

The record shows that Clyde was not remiss in the matter of benevolences. Even in 1883, when it was in the midst of its most strenuous efforts for the new chapel, it voted to contribute to four of the boards of the church, evidently feeling that, as a matter of principle, even though their contributions were small, they must have some share in the wider work of Christ's kingdom.

To this principle the church was true in all the later years. The total of benevolences for 1883 was only \$45.00. In 1884 it was \$129.00. In 1888, \$509.00. In 1890, \$926.00, while during Mr. Williams' last year it was \$1,562.00.

### Fourth, THE SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS FEATURES OF THE CHURCH LIFE.

It is not until we come to the more distinctly personal and religious features of the church life that we begin to feel the real value of the results gained during those first ten years.

From first to last, as has already been stated, 389 names had been entered on the roll of membership. Of these nearly 270 still remained in 1893. This means that during some part or all of these ten years Clyde had been the center of the religious life, the church home of at least 500 people.

And when we notice more carefully some of the features of that church life we can reach no other conclusion than that those who had been privileged to share in it and be a part of it had every reason to feel that Clyde had justified its existence, that it had proved

itself a blessing to its members and to the surrounding community.

Fifth, THE PASTOR—MR. WILLIAMS.

Among the influences that helped to make the Clyde of these years an attractive and inspiring center of the religious and social life for so many people who still speak with enthusiasm of that period, the first and chief place, under God, belongs to the pastor, Mr. Williams.

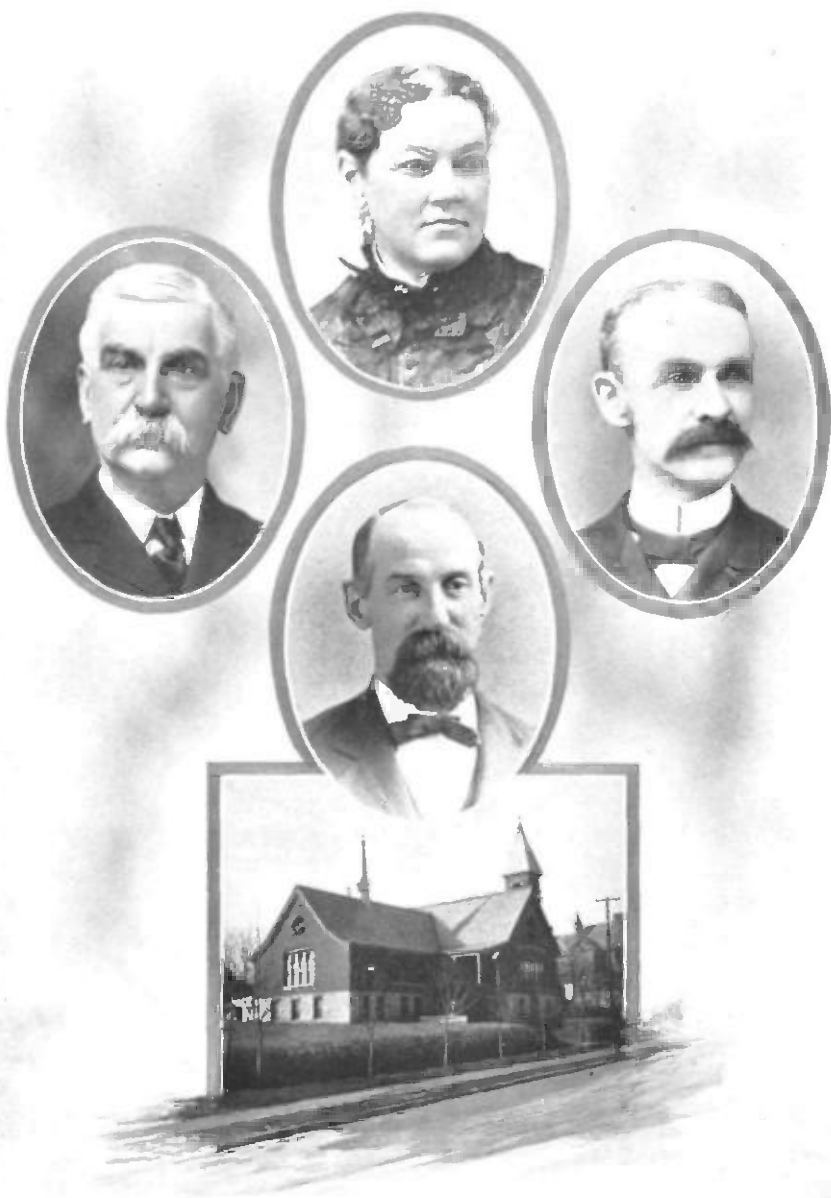
He was not an orator, or, in the usual sense of the word, an eloquent preacher, but a very effective one nevertheless. His sermons were always short, but full of the very marrow of the gospel and of telling illustrations from everyday life.

His thought was fresh, practical, and logically arranged, and easily followed because always clearly expressed in brief terse sentences.

No one could listen attentively to one of his sermons without being encouraged by it to a better life, if not completely won over to the side of Christ. And so, during all his ministry, the membership at Clyde steadily increased. Scarcely a communion Sunday passed without the reception of some new members.

Then as pastor Mr. Williams is remembered with a genuine affection. He was blessed with a genial and winning personality. All who knew him loved him, and under his leadership always felt encouragement and inspiration in and toward the Christian life.

Many evidences of the cordial and loving relationship existing between pastor and people are found scattered through the record. One of the most touching is the following: Early in 1888 a special business meeting was called to see about making an addition of \$500 to the pastor's salary. When this was proposed it was acted upon by the church promptly and enthusiastically. The clerk's record, however, does not make it quite clear why it was done at all, except as a token of appreciation from the members of the church. Last summer, when Dr. Williams was in Kansas City for a short



E. A. FUSSELL.

MRS. CAROLINE V. CLYDE  
H. R. WEAVER  
ONE OF THE FIRST TRUSTEES OF CLYDE

B. R. BACON, FIRST TREAS.

CLYDE CHURCH, SEVENTH AND BROOKLYN.

time, the writer, being curious to know more about it, asked him if he remembered how it happened that that special addition was made to his salary. He had not forgotten it and said that the health of his youngest daughter, then a little child, was so poor that they almost despaired of her life, and that the extra \$500 and the eight weeks vacation voted him at the same time, were to enable him and Mrs. Williams to take the invalid child back to Marblehead, Mass., and spend the summer there. This, he said, was done and the child completely recovered, and is now a strong healthy woman.

Next in importance to the work of the pastor, was the work of the Sunday-school, which from the first appears to have been, in a very vital sense, the nursery of the church. Its superintendent during nine of the first ten years of its history was Mr. E. A. Fussell. In this the school was peculiarly fortunate, as it was also in having a corps of faithful and efficient officers and teachers.

Then the prayer meeting filled a very important place in the religious life of the church. Here the members could get a little closer to each other as they sought together the blessing that comes from above. From the very first the mid-week prayer meeting was one of the attractive and helpful features of church life.

Special provision for the religious and social life of the young people was made in the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society in 1883, which has proved a very valuable auxiliary to the church in the work of holding and training and inspiring the young for active Christian service.

Then there were the ladies' societies of which there were several: The Ladies' Aid Society, the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Of these societies the first to be organized was the Ladies' Aid which started in 1883 with seven members, but grew steadily, until it filled a very important place



in the life and work of the church, contributing a considerable sum toward the current expenses of the church and undertaking some benevolent work outside of the church. It was this society that raised the money for the pipe organ, and various other things needed by the church.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society was organized a year later, in 1884. From the first this society contributed regularly to the work of foreign missions. During its first year it raised for this purpose \$17.81. The largest sum raised during the first nine years was \$135.04.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society was organized in 1890.

These three societies were, in 1893, merged as different departments of the Ladies' Union, the history of which will be given by Mrs. Hays.

They gave the ladies a fine chance to get acquainted with one another and to do effective Christian work together. They were thoroughly organized and when help was needed in any department of the church, the ladies could always be counted on to do their part and a little more.

A fuller account of all these departments will be given elsewhere.

One of the most characteristic and interesting, as well as helpful and inspiring, meetings held by the church during the year was the annual Roll Call. This unique feature of the church life was introduced at the close of the year 1885, and continued to be observed through all the later years. It helped greatly to deepen in the membership a genuine personal interest in one another, and to strengthen the spirit of enthusiastic loyalty to Clyde.

This first Roll Call was held on the evening of the home-coming. As the years passed and the number increased of those who had once been members, but who, though living elsewhere, had not lost their love for the church seemed to bring the hearts of the members

together so strongly in Christian love as this annual last day of the year. There were 85 members of Clyde at the time and as their names were called, all but eight responded in some way, either in person or by message. Year after year these meetings were held and they grew in interest and significance. Nothing in all the life of Clyde, the responses from them, by letter or brief message, were looked for with great eagerness and never failed to warm the hearts of the members to a new appreciation of the value of real Christian fellowship. As a fitting close to such a service they could sing from the heart, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Clyde Roll Call was something never to be forgotten by those who were there to have part in it.

Another annual gathering which was a great promoter of friendship and sociability, as well as a source of revenue, was the New England Dinner. This became such a popular affair that many people not connected with Clyde were sure to be there year after year. The dinner finally grew to be such a severe strain upon the ladies that it was discontinued.

This account is merely an attempt to give some of the features in the life of Clyde church that made every one who "belonged" glad that he could be a part of such a warm-hearted Christian brotherhood.

February 9th, 1893, the tenth anniversary of Mr. Williams' pastorate was celebrated in the chapel. There was a very large attendance of members and friends in the city, including many pastors from other churches.

Refreshments were served by the ladies, and music was furnished by Carl Busch.

There is nothing in the record of this pleasant occasion to suggest that the ties binding pastor and people so closely together were soon to be dissolved, but only five months later, at a special meeting held July 12th, 1893, a letter was read from Mr. Williams in which he presented his resignation as pastor of Clyde. That letter reflects so much of the fine spirit of the man and of the church, and is in many ways such a good ex-

ample of what such a letter may be that it is given in full:

Kansas City, July 9, 1893.

To the Standing Committee of Clyde Congregational Church.

Dear Brethren:—Through you I hereby submit to the church my resignation of the pastoral office which I have had the privilege of holding for the last ten years. It is with great pain and reluctance that I now ask to have our relation as pastor and people dissolved. My only reason for so doing is well known to you all, and may be stated in a word—the health of my family. It is not that a more attractive field has called us away; for no field could be more attractive to us than this, where we have seen the work grow from its small beginnings to its present position of strength and influence. It is not that we expect to find a kinder and more considerate people, for none could be more so than the people of Clyde. It will always be a pleasure to us to recall the harmonious and delightful relations that have existed between us from the first, and the hearty co-operation which you have shown in all our work together.

Being your first and only pastor, the ties that bind us together are peculiarly strong. I shall never cease to be grateful to the providence that called me here, which gave me so kind and considerate a people, and which has given us all so good a measure of success in our work.

I know that I can count upon your sympathy as we go to a new field of labor and settle among strangers.

May the same providence that calls us away kindly send you one with whom you can co-operate in carrying the work of the Clyde on to that position to which its strength and influence now point.

That I may be free to accept the call extended to me from Redlands, Cal., I ask your early action upon this resignation, and would suggest that it take effect and the pastoral relation close on the last Sunday of July. I also request that the church unite with me in calling a council at as early a day as convenient to advise us in this matter, and if deemed expedient to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Yours in Christian Love and Service,

J. H. WILLIAMS.

The resignation was accepted and a council was called for July 21st. A letter to Mr. Williams in reply to his letter of resignation was read July 19th, approved by the church, and ordered placed on file.

It was a beautiful letter, expressing the sincere regret of the church at losing Mr. Williams, and an earnest appreciation of the work he had done for Clyde, and



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best wishes for his future welfare and continued success. This letter was signed by W. H. Wormstead, J. A. Hays, W. W. Findlay, V. W. Mather, I. L. Crittenden, and C. T. Pickett.

Mr. Williams was dismissed by Council July 21st, 1893. Dr. Hopkins was the moderator of the Council, which in approving the action of the church in accepting Mr. Williams' resignation, adopted resolutions strongly commendatory of Mr. Williams, and expressing high appreciation of his work in Clyde, and in Kansas City, and great regret, and a deep sense of loss, because of his necessary withdrawal.

So the relation of loving co-operation between Mr. Williams and Clyde as pastor and people was dissolved, and so the inspiring record of the first ten years of the life of the church was closed.

As an organized working force of loyal men and women, and as an effective unit in the interest of righteousness and the kingdom of God, Clyde was now an accomplished fact in the midst of a growing community that needed, and was coming more and more to appreciate, its service.

When Mr. Williams became pastor there were nine members; when he left there were 267. Ninety-three others had come and gone. Less than a dozen had died. Of the 389 who had become members, 149 came in on confession of faith, and 240 by letter. As stated above seventy-five of them are still on our membership roll.

But mere figures do not adequately measure the results of a church's or a pastor's work. They are to be felt and recognized rather in the character and spiritual tone of the members, and their influence for good upon the surrounding community. But for a full knowledge of the final fruitage we must wait for the opening of the unerring records of the church above.

From our human standpoint, Clyde had for ten years been fighting bravely, and had won important victories for Christ; and some of the results, even with our limited vision, we can see and appreciate now, as we re-

joice in a Christian civilization still preserved to us and to Kansas City, and as we enjoy the warm social and spiritual atmosphere of our new church home, and find ourselves better equipped than they to make effective among ourselves and in the community about us, the high ideals of a Christian church.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### PASTORATES FROM 1893 TO THE MERGING OF CLYDE WITH FIRST IN 1895.

#### 1. *Rev. J. L. Sewall, 1893-1896.*

Even before Mr. Williams had left the field a committee was appointed to find his successor. On October 18th they recommended Rev. John L. Sewall, of St. Louis, Mo., at a salary of \$2,000. Mr. Sewall was chosen pastor by a unanimous vote, and duly installed by Council, December 6th.

Rev. J. G. Dougherty was the Moderator of the Council, and Rev. W. L. Sutherland the Scribe.

At the installation service a letter from the former pastor was read which deserves to be given here in full, but we must limit ourselves to brief extracts:

"I know the material out of which the Clyde foundation was built. There are stones that have stood all the tests that are ever applied to mortal man. They have been tested by prosperity and adversity, by success and by failure, by joy and by sorrow. When times were easy and the demands were met by full purses, they were enthusiastic and thankful; and when the times were hard and the demands were severe they did not flinch." Then a few words of exhortation: "In all the changes that await your growth in numbers, and growth in means, move together. The five letters that spell the word CLYDE have always been a chain long enough to bind the members of the church together as one. The members were a unit when they could all sit around the register in the original chapel; they were a unit when the cyclone made the ugly rent in the roof and obliged co-operation in order to live and work on; they were a unit as plans for enlargement were made and carried out; and they were equally a unit in wishing their first pastor God-speed as he left for his new field.

"You were a unit also in welcoming the new pastor. But new experiences are ahead. The city will grow, and the church will move on to increased strength and power. Let the chain still bind the membership together as one."

The new pastor took hold vigorously of the work be-

fore him. November 16th, before his installation, a "Men's Sunday Evening Service Club" was formed to try to increase the attendance at the evening service. The first service under the direction of this club was held December 3rd, with a programme of music, responsive readings, and a special sermon by the pastor. There was a large attendance.

December 13th the prayer meeting was devoted to Drury college, showing that Clyde felt a responsibility, not only for its own special work, but for the broader interests of Congregationalism in Missouri. At this meeting remarks were made by Walter Cole, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hill, and Dr. Hopkins. A committee was appointed to see what could be done to help the college.

Some time during the year 1894 the Men's Service Club, which had been quite successful in realizing its object, was organized under a new name—"The Men's Association," with a little broader purpose—to enlist men in active work in the interest of the church.

Mr. Sewall seems to have been able, for a time at least, to impart some of his enthusiasm to the men of the church, with the result not only of increased attendance upon church services, but also a considerable addition to the membership, in spite of the loss of members following the departure of Mr. Williams. In 1894 the net gain was 43.

But conditions in the business world were very trying, and the financial reports of the church reflect these conditions.

The Trustees, however, were brave and constant in their efforts to keep the expenses paid, and the membership could generally be depended upon to come to the rescue if the situation became acute.

Early in 1894 the various ladies' organizations for foreign and home missions came together under one name, the "Ladies' Union." This proved to be a wise move, greatly increasing the interest and enthusiasm and success of the ladies in their work.

Mr. Sewall began his work with Clyde in November,



1893. Judging from the records found in the "Clyde," all departments of church work moved forward successfully during his term of service, which ended in September, 1896.

During his last year it seemed to become more and more difficult to meet the expenses of the church, and there was, too, a considerable falling off in membership.

September 2nd, Mr. Sewall's resignation was accepted and September 10th he was dismissed by Council.

## 2. *Rev. Wolcott Calkins, D.D.* 1896-1897.

Within a week after the dismissal of Mr. Sewall, the church invited Rev. Wolcott Calkins, D.D., to supply the pulpit for an indefinite period, at a salary of \$1,200. The invitation was promptly accepted and Dr. Calkins began his work October 28th, 1896. The arrangement with Dr. Calkins, however, was only a temporary one, it being understood from the first that there was no possibility of securing him as permanent pastor. His coming seems to have brought new courage and life to the church. The months just preceding his coming had been trying ones.

The financial burden seemed to be steadily getting heavier than the church could well carry. The dwindling membership was discouraging.

But Dr. Calkins changed all this. He seems to have grasped the situation at once, and with a master hand. One thing greatly needed was careful economy, and this he insisted upon, and with encouraging results.

At the annual meeting, January, 1898, the Trustees were able to report:

"Every dollar of our church obligation for the year 1897, and of the deficit existing at the close of 1896, has been paid. Honesty compels the Trustees to give a large share of the credit for this happy condition of things to that universally loved and respected friend of the church, Dr. Calkins."

Another thing needed was the courage that is sure to come with wise and strong personal leadership—the kind that inspires in the members confidence that now

the affairs of the church are in good hands and that the things that ought to be done will be done, and in the best way possible.

This need was abundantly met by Dr. Calkins. His stimulating and helpful presence was felt in every department of church work, and by every individual member of that department. This is suggested, at least, by the following from the clerk's report read in January, 1898:

"The attendance at the various services of the church has been good throughout the year. Especially the morning audience has been large.

"Interest in the exercises has been deepened, and we note with special satisfaction the tendency to greater thoughtfulness and devotion at the Sunday evening service.

"Attendance at prayer meeting under the leadership of Dr. Calkins was unusually large, as we always were sure that he would have something good for the congregation."

Another encouraging result of Dr. Calkins' ministry was that the ebb tide of membership was checked and the year 1897 closed with a net gain of ten instead of a loss of forty as the year before.

The church was keenly conscious of the greatness of its debt to Dr. Calkins for the timely service he had so generously rendered in piloting their ship through a troubled sea into safer waters.

This appreciation is indicated by the following language from the clerk's report:

"Whatever of spiritual growth we may have made, whatever of spiritual conquests we may have won, we owe, under God, to our beloved pastor."

His term of service ended with December 5th, 1897. A farewell reception was given him at the residence of Judge Twiss.

### 3. *Rev. J. B. Richardson, 1897-1898.*

From this time until May 15th, 1898, the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. J. B. Richardson, of Hiawatha, Kansas.

With reference to this brief period and to Mr. Richardson and his work we find the following in the clerk's report for 1898:

"The year 1898 opened upon us a pastorless church. Dr. Calkins had just left us, but left us a united people, waiting only for a leader whom God had chosen. During the interval after Dr. Calkins left us, and before the new pastor came, we were peculiarly fortunate in securing the services of Rev. J. B. Richardson to supply our pulpit. His genial, loving spirit, his earnest, thoughtful, helpful, sometimes eloquent sermons, and, more than all this, his consecrated Christian character, endeared him to all our hearts, and we realized best when his time of service had expired how helpful to us had been his ministry."

#### 4. *Rev. E. Lee Howard, 1898-1900.*

The next pastor, Rev. E. Lee Howard, began his work May 15th, 1898. He was not installed, however, until November 15th of the same year.

At his installation Dr. Hopkins was the Moderator, and Rev. Richard Cordley preached the sermon. Mr. Howard took up the work with enthusiasm, and, being a young man himself, at once enlisted the interest of the young people.

The year 1898 showed a small net gain in membership, which was doing pretty well, considering how broken the year had been by the changes in the pastorate. The year 1899 made larger gains, and the affairs of the church seemed to be moving along prosperously, particularly in the Sunday-school and Endeavor Society; but early in 1900 Mr. Howard resigned and went to Chicago to take up again his theological studies.

May 15th the church found itself again without a leader. During the two years of his pastorate Mr. Howard had won for himself universal respect and esteem, and had won for Clyde a net gain of more than thirty members.

#### 5. *Rev. Albert Bushnell, 1900-1905.*

Mr. Howard's successor was the Rev. Albert Bushnell, D. D., to whom a call was voted May 30th, whose

letter of acceptance was read June 13th, and who preached his first sermon July 1st, 1900.

Dr. Bushnell was given a unanimous and hearty welcome, and he immediately took up his work as pastor of Clyde with inspiring earnestness and vigor. Every one felt at once that now a master hand was at the helm. One of the things very soon accomplished by the new pastor was a thorough revision of the constitution and by-laws.

One of the principal changes made by this revision was the addition of a Prudential Committee to the list of church officers, whose duty it would be to act with the deacons and pastor in determining all matters that had to do with public worship and the religious and spiritual interests of the church.

The Confession of Faith, also, was considerably shortened, and the Covenant was re-written, so that it read much as we have it now.

Near the close of the year 1900, the Congregational Church Building Society made a proposition to Clyde with regard to the debt of \$5,700 with which the church was still burdened. The proposition was that if Clyde would raise \$1,700, the society would loan the church \$4,000 without interest, to be paid in ten annual installments of \$400 each. The \$1,700 was promptly raised, the proposition was accepted and the loan was made. This generous arrangement greatly lightened the financial burden which the church was carrying, and made reasonable the hope that in ten years at most the entire debt would be paid.

It is said that this happy solution of the debt problem was reached mainly through the personal influence of Dr. Calkins.

Another problem to which Dr. Bushnell early gave a good deal of attention was the question of how to attract the children to the morning service. He felt that it was a serious mistake to foster in the minds of the children the idea that the only service of any interest to



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them, or at which they could be expected to be present, was the Sunday-school.

He issued to all the children who would take them text-books in which they were to make a record of the texts used by the pastor in his Sunday morning sermons, and promised a suitable gift at the end of the year to those who had made the record complete. The effect of this, for one year at least, was that more of the children were at church with their parents in the morning.

Another very suitable custom introduced by Dr. Bushnell was the presentation of a Bible on Children's Day to members' children who since the last Children's Day had reached the age of seven years. There were always some to receive Bibles, and to feel happy and proud, even if they could not fully appreciate the significance of the gift and the occasion.

The year 1900 closed with a net gain in membership of about twenty, which brought the total at this date to nearly three hundred and sixty.

An enterprise which greatly interested Dr. Bushnell was the Northeast Sunday-school which was organized in 1901 and carried on under his supervision and backed by Clyde until some time in 1904, when it was given up because the conclusion was reached that on account of the drifting character of the attendants it was not likely to develop into a permanent institution.

After nearly a year and a half of service with Clyde Dr. Bushnell was installed by Council December 3rd, 1901. The occasion was an interesting and stimulating one. The sermon was preached by Dr. A. K. Wray, whose message to Clyde was always welcome and helpful. Dr. Hopkins gave the right hand of fellowship, and no one was better able than he to do it in the spirit of brotherly love. The charge to the pastor was by Dr. Richard Cordley, who could speak with the authority that is born of long experience and heroic service. The charge to the people was by Rev. Mr. Fox, a successful pastor in Kansas City, Kansas. It was such a service

as seems to furnish a tower of strength to both pastor and people. But Dr. Bushnell had been long enough in the field to know its needs and he was constantly pressing forward in the endeavor to meet them.

One thing he saw clearly from the first and that was that Clyde was working under a great disadvantage because of its obscure location. The church heartily agreed with him that a new and better location should be obtained, and as soon as possible. The outcome was the purchase in 1902 of a new building site at the south-east corner of Independence and Chestnut. This move seemed to give the members new enthusiasm for Clyde. The money for the purchase of the lot was quickly subscribed, and all realized that the change proposed was well worth while and would give the church a far better chance for growth and influence.

Early in Dr. Bushnell's pastorate, two new organizations were formed in Clyde that were full of promise, and proved themselves to be valuable additions to the working forces of the church. These were the Priscillas and the Young Men's Club. Both these organizations, in the spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm which they manifested, and the practical service which they rendered, were evidence of a strong healthy growth in the church. Both pastor and people watched their development with pride and gladness of heart.

Early in 1902 a series of special evangelistic services were held at Clyde, conducted by the evangelist, J. W. Stough. The result was considerable spiritual quickening in the church, though the net gain in membership for the year was not up to the average of the two preceding years.

This year the church suffered a great loss in the removal of Dr. Hopkins from the old First Church and from the city. He had from the first been an invaluable friend to Clyde.

During this year also Clyde lost by death two of its valuable and valued members—Mrs. Minnie McCheyne and Dr. Harry L. Hibbard. The clerk's records show

that a very high estimate was placed both upon the character and the work of these faithful ones.

During this year a "Men's Service Club" was formed for the purpose of trying to increase the attendance upon the Sunday evening service. It started out with enthusiasm, but does not appear to have gained any great permanent results. All these special efforts by men and for men seem to have been short-lived; but they have accomplished one thing; they have helped to prepare the way for the latest and greatest movement of the kind, in which we are rejoicing today and which we believe is not going to fail—the National Brotherhood movement, with a local organization for each church.

That Clyde was an active working force in all its departments is clearly shown by the fact that together they raised during 1902, \$7,944.74. Of this sum \$1,045.33 came from the Ladies' Union, \$331.54 from the Sabbath school, \$229.58 from the Young Men's Club, and \$216.20 from the Priscillas. Of this amount \$1,100 was disbursed for benevolent purposes. The benevolences for 1903 were also a little over \$1,100.

Nineteen hundred and three was the year of the great flood. The following from "The Clyde" for 1904 is suggestive of the trying experience of that time, and of the efforts which the people of Clyde under the efficient leadership of Dr. Bushnell made to relieve the suffering:

"We rejoice at the part our people took at that time in the general relief work. Their edifice, their money, their time, their energies, their sympathies, were all freely placed at the service of needy humanity, irrespective of creed or nationality."

The years 1903 and 1904 showed no gain in membership, and yet, as the records show, all departments continued to do splendid work.

At the annual meeting held January 2, 1905, the first open move toward the consolidation of Clyde with the First Church was made. A resolution favoring the plan



was adopted but, for some reason not mentioned, was not made effective until late in the year.

In July Dr. Bushnell presented his resignation as pastor of Clyde. At first the church voted 100 to 46 against accepting the resignation, but Dr. Bushnell insisted and was dismissed by Council September 26th, 1905. Following is a part of the record of the proceedings of the Council:

"The Council desires to express its appreciation of the faithful and effective service which Dr. Bushnell has rendered as pastor of Clyde Congregational Church, of his strong leadership in Congregational life in Kansas City, and his public-spirited activity in all the religious and civic movements of the municipality; of the large place he has held for many years in Missouri Congregationalism, and in particular of the distinguished service he has rendered to our educational and Home Missionary interests.

"The Council also desires to commend him to the churches as a brother beloved, and to voice their high estimate of his ability and Christian character, their confidence in him as a spiritual leader and Christian teacher, as well as an earnest and successful pastor and preacher."

Rev. J. P. O'Brien was the Moderator of this Council, and Rev. E. F. Schwab was the Scribe.

Dr. Bushnell was an earnest and forceful preacher, a progressive and thorough Bible scholar, as his splendid work with the Clyde Adult Bible Class abundantly proved, and he was a faithful pastor, looking constantly after the spiritual welfare of the individual members of his flock.

Above all things he was filled with an intense desire to see the work of the church move strongly forward.

Dr. Bushnell, since leaving Clyde as its pastor, has been devoting himself with characteristic energy and efficiency to the great work of the Anti-Saloon League. He has presented the interests of this cause to all the churches of Kansas City with such eloquence and persuasive force as to command their earnest, sympathetic attention and co-operation. From week to week and from year to year, and all the time, he is exerting a

most potent influence in favor of temperance and prohibition in Missouri.

After Dr. Bushnell's departure it was thought best to postpone for a time the matter of securing a new pastor for Clyde.

The idea of consolidation with the First Church was in the air, and might, in the near future, lead to definite results. Such results we know followed. The steps taken in the process of consolidation are given in the chapter on the New First Church.

Meanwhile the regular work of the church went forward in all departments as best it could without a regular pastor, and with such pulpit supplies as were available.

## CHAPTER IX.

### AUXILIARIES.

#### 1. THE WOMEN'S WORK IN CLYDE CHURCH.

*Prepared by Mrs. J. A. Hays.*

The account of the first ten years of this work is, with very little change, the report prepared by Mrs. K. L. Mills for the tenth anniversary number of "The Clyde."

The ladies of the Clyde Church met at the house of Mrs. A. C. Fred, March 29, 1883, and organized the Ladies' Aid Society, with a membership of seven. Mrs. J. H. Williams was chosen President, and Mrs. V. W. Coddington Secretary and Treasurer. Plans were formed to work for the church in helping to raise money for necessary expenses, and to do such missionary work as they might be able. Their first efforts were towards the purchase of the Mason & Hamlin cabinet organ which served the church for many years. At the close of the first year the membership was eighteen.

During the year 1884 the society became the possessor of a piano for chapel use, and contributed toward hanging a bell in the steeple of the church. The membership had risen to thirty-five.

With the beginning of 1885 the ladies began to carry out a cherished plan of adding Home Missionary work to their regular church work. They found themselves at the close of the year greatly benefited by the plan, and proposed to continue it and increase the giving.

In 1886 the membership increased to fifty. The ladies gave several entertainments, suppers, a concert, besides social gatherings, and in these ways secured money with which to buy and lay the carpet in the enlarged church.

The next year the society purchased many useful articles, which increased their efficiency, and at the close of the year found themselves with a membership of fifty-five.

The year 1888 was chiefly characterized by missionary work. A valuable box of clothing was sent to a home missionary family, and considerable charity work was done in the city.

In 1889 more meetings were held, with a larger attendance than ever before. Several poor families in the city were helped, a num-

ber of boxes were filled and sent to missionaries, and the society voted to contribute two dollars a month regularly to the Roberts' Mission. A lady was selected to take charge of the sewing school in connection with the Mission, and considerable material was contributed for the use of the school. The largest plan for raising money was a week of dinners in the city, and this was so successful that it brought the long-desired pipe organ so near that we could almost hear its tones. The net amount raised was \$460.00.

The year 1890 will be remembered for the change made in the time of meeting. It was changed from Thursday to Friday, and this was made a church day, two of the Fridays in each month being missionary days, and two work days. When a fifth Friday occurred a devotional meeting was held. During this year the society took charge of the Swiss booth at a flower festival for the benefit of the Children's Home, and cleared for the object \$115.00.

In 1891 the new pipe organ was bought at a cost of \$1,674.03, put in place and paid for. The society also aided the church in furnishing a room in Kidder Institute.

At the beginning of 1892 we pledged \$500.00 towards the expenses of the church, and this pledge has been more than fulfilled. The monthly donations to the Roberts Mission are still continued, and other local charities have been helped with clothing made by the society. One package of bedding has been sent to a home missionary family.

In the ten years just closed there are many pleasant memories of the times we have worked together for the Clyde Church, which is dear to every member.

The history of the first ten years would not be complete without mention of that unique social feature of Clyde life, the annual New England Supper, as it was then called. It occurred the week before Thanksgiving, and became to the Clyde people what a Thanksgiving dinner is to each one of us in our home—a joyful reunion of old friends, and happy meeting with new ones. It was established the first year of the Ladies' Aid Society and continued without a break to the nineteenth year, when as an experiment it was omitted, but the following year it was enthusiastically resumed, and retained its time-honored place till the forming of the new church brought new customs. While it was a noted social occasion it was also of financial importance to the society.

The tenth anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

liams in February, 1893, was one of the most enjoyable occasions of Clyde Church. They were assisted by the charter members of the church in receiving the guests, and all were happy. This was a year of unusual events, for in September we gave a farewell reception to our beloved pastor and his wife, and in November a welcome to our new pastor, Rev. J. L. Sewall, and his wife.

Notwithstanding these changes progress in our regular lines of work was made and our unity strengthened.

Early in December of this year the plan of forming a Ladies' Union of the three ladies' societies was considered and after the subject was thoroughly canvassed, a temporary union was organized, a constitution adopted and officers elected to hold office until June 1st.

After these months of experiment the constitution under which the ladies of the First Church had successfully worked was adopted with only slight changes. This had three departments, viz.: Foreign Missions, Home Missions and local work. One secretary kept all records and one treasurer received all funds, disbursing the same according to the vote of the union. At the monthly business meeting the chairman of each department gave a report of work done during the month, and the plans for the future were voted upon, thus keeping all members informed of all the work in hand. Emphasis was laid on the fact that membership in the union meant membership and co-operation in each of its departments. Previous to this union organization the missionary societies worked independently. A foreign missionary society was organized in 1884 which held regular monthly meetings, with a continual increase in interest and prosperity. An annual thank offering service in September was alike helpful to the members and to the treasury. The first thank offering collection was \$4.65, and the largest was \$25.35.

The missionary periodicals had many subscribers from the beginning, an especially large number of Mission Studies being taken.

The society always sent a delegate to the annual

meeting of the state branch, raising money for that purpose, and was often represented at the annual meetings of the W. B. M. I.

The weekly pledge system, giving two cents per week, as a membership fee, was adopted. The highest annual enrollment of members in the society's ten years as a separate organization was thirty-six.

The contribution the first year was \$17.81. The greatest amount for one year was \$135.04.

As before stated, the Ladies' Aid Society began in 1885 to do home mission work by sending supplies to missionaries and aiding in local charities. In May, 1890, a home mission department of the Aid Society was formed and officers elected. After two years of good work the society voted to reorganize as a separate society auxiliary to the W. H. M. Union of Missouri. The ten cent monthly fee system was adopted, and the society started with eighteen members. Five dollars each was contributed to the six national societies in the first year, and this amount was doubled the second year. Then the several ladies' societies were merged.

Under the supervision of the local board regular lunches were instituted, facilitating all day meetings and promoting sociability.

The membership was sixty-three in this first year of the union.

The second year, the ladies having become more familiar with the plan of the union, there was more work, more enthusiasm and more members.

In 1896, the third year of the Ladies' Union, it was decided to invite the gentlemen to the regular lunch on Friday, and a number were present each week.

A literary committee was appointed by the local board to furnish a program for the third Friday afternoon of each month. This plan proved to be very satisfactory and was made permanent.

The record of a very successful but uneventful period of Jewish history is "that they built and prospered." This might well be said of the Ladies' Union for some

successive years. The society was ever busy in building up and fostering the distinctive characteristics of Clyde church in its efforts to meet the approval of the Master amid the changing surroundings.

After eleven years of assistance, support was withdrawn from the Roberts Mission in favor of organized work.

The roll of members varied, reaching 104 in 1901. After that it was about eighty-five. The ladies joining with the Priscillas, arranged and carried to a very successful issue their first rummage sale in 1902, making a total net profit of \$315.20.

In 1903, the tenth year of the Ladies' Union, the total receipts were \$1,282.85. The home and foreign mission boards met their pledge of \$175.00 each, remitting quarterly. The work committee directed the making and distributing of over one thousand articles to the flood sufferers and others in need of help that year.

In 1904, the name "The Women's Union" was adopted for this society which had been known as "The Ladies' Union."

Later the pledges to the missionary boards were made \$180.00 each. Bethel mission, as for years past, was aided; also Mercy hospital.

Throughout the history of the women's work, the main portion of the funds raised by the local board was applied on the church finances.

Thus the work was progressing, with no unusual features, when attention began to center upon reorganization of our church life.

The Clyde Women's Union formally closed its work as an organization by voting at the annual meeting in April, 1907, to become a part of the new Women's Association of the First Congregational church.

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## 2. CLYDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*By F. M. Weaver.*

The Clyde Congregational Sunday school was organized May 28th, 1882. A religious service had been held

May 21st, in a grove on Garfield avenue just north of the residence of B. R. Bacon which stood on the north-east corner of Garfield and Independence avenues.

These services were conducted by Rev. Henry Hopkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Dr. James G. Roberts, a former pastor of that church.

About one hundred and fifty people were present and nominations were made for officers of the Sunday-school to be organized the following Sunday. At the appointed time, Sunday afternoon, May 28th, 1882, the Sunday-school was organized in the uncompleted barn of J. C. Gates, which building now stands in the rear of Mr. Gates' residence on the northwest corner of Independence and Garfield avenues.

The names of the officers elected appear in the list of officers appended hereto. About sixty persons were present. The intention was to have meetings in the grove in good weather and only use the barn in bad weather. The record shows that weather conditions made the use of the barn very necessary.

The first regular Sunday School session of the school was held in the barn June 4th, 1882.

The first story of the barn not being completed, the session was held in the second story. Seventy-four were present this Sunday.

Dr. Hopkins of the First Church taught the Bible class. Mrs. Waite was the primary teacher.

The sessions were held quite regularly thereafter, though often interfered with by the weather. These sessions were held in the afternoon so members of other churches could help in the school work. This work was carried on by workers from other denominations in a generous degree; in fact, very few of the number were Congregationalists.

In the fall, services were interrupted somewhat by the weather, as there was no heat in the barn; but before the winter set in the new chapel was ready for occupancy.



The Sunday School by this time had an assured future.

The section of the city was fast filling up with home owning and home loving people, and was so remote from transportation that the school and church rapidly became social and religious headquarters for the neighborhood.

In fact, it was because of this isolation that the school was so welcomed.

Horse cars ran only as far east as Forest Avenue, and sidewalks were none too plentiful or safe after dark, being made of planks and often not nailed.

There were no street lights east of Forest Avenue, and no church nearer than Lydia Avenue.

Lanterns were freely used to guide attendants to evening services, and high rubber boots were the safest footwear in wet weather.

Soon after the chapel was occupied, the necessity for a separate room for the primary class became apparent, and through the generosity of Mr. C. F. Emery a room was finished in the basement.

After a few years the whole basement was finished for the social uses, but was soon outgrown, so it became necessary to build another primary room, and with this addition the physical growth of the school ceased. It is impossible to write of the work of a Sunday School without taking into account the men and the women who were its officers and teachers; and in this particular the Clyde was most fortunate, for a more loyal set of officers would be hard to find, and as they have gone out from us, some of them have become even more useful in other places than they were with us.

For ten years, with an intermission of one year (1888), the Superintendent was Mr. E. A. Fussell, a man respected alike for his sterling Christian character, his loyalty to the church and his peculiar fitness for the high office. He had the full and hearty support of

all, and his work here was a blessing to the entire community.

The school increased rapidly in attendance, in 1887 the enrollment being over 320.

Mr. Fussell left Kansas City many years ago because the death of his wife made it necessary to take his children to their former home in Boston, but no visitor to our Sunday School would be more welcome than the man who in the early years did so much for it.

The Assistant Superintendent the first six years was Mr. B. R. Bacon, a business man of considerable prominence, and one who gave largely of his time and his money to this work.

Mr. Bacon was a man much loved by those who knew him best, and as a teacher he was a conspicuous success, the young ladies' class being his special care.

In 1888, Mr. H. A. Potter became superintendent. Not much is known of him. He was one of the residents of the neighborhood, and having taken some interest in the school, he was elected Superintendent one year because Mr. Fussell felt that a change might be beneficial. The change was not a success, Mr. Potter left the city and Mr. Fussell was re-elected in 1889.

Mr. F. A. Warren was the Superintendent in 1892 and 1893. He had taken no part in the Sunday School work before, but had performed every duty so perfectly in other branches of church work that his election as Superintendent was an assurance of a good administration.

The two years under his leadership were particularly successful, as Mr. Warren gave the same thorough application to the Sunday School problems which he gave his business.

A sudden change in business called him from the city and Mr. O. J. Hill took up the work for the balance of the year, and he was re-elected for a whole year.

Mr. Hill, being a big man, physically, mentally and spiritually, has occupied a corresponding place in our

work. This was his first official work with us, except as he had been Mr. Warren's assistant, which was not an arduous task with such a Superintendent.

Mr. C. B. Norton became Superintendent in 1896. He had been a successful superintendent in his former home and had been a valuable teacher in our school for some time. He came to this position with more experience than any of his predecessors, and being a man who made friends easily, and readily got others to work, his administration was a pronounced success.

After five years' service, Mr. Norton again took up the class work, and Mr. H. B. Verney became Superintendent in 1901.

Mr. Verney had the gift of sincerity in an unusual degree. He was energetic, faithful and capable. In fact, he was another successful business man at the head of our school.

The school reached high water mark in 1901, having an enrollment of 387.

Mr. J. A. Shannon became Superintendent in 1903. Mr. Shannon had been prominent in Junior Christian Endeavor work, had attracted wide attention by his musical cantatas and songs, and had been faithful in his work in every way. Few knew his love of the work for he made no display of his sacrifice for it, but his business made it necessary for him to be out of the city a great deal and many a week he traveled hundreds of miles to take his place before our young people.

While he had a successful term as our Superintendent, yet his best work was in our Junior Christian Endeavor, partly because of the longer period spent in that work.

We had two other Superintendents in 1905—Dr. Resser and Mr. E. A. Abbot—both of whom were called away from the city soon after their election.

The characteristic feature of the whole twenty-five years of the school work was the home-likeness of the school, the cordiality of its officers and teachers and

the fact that the Sunday School was always considered a stepping stone to the church.

A very considerable portion of the accessions to membership in our church were traceable to the school work. Not only has the church been strengthened by the Sunday School, but as our members have gone to other fields of labor they have builded on the foundations laid here, and thus our work has multiplied until the Clyde name has been a name to be proud of, whether one considered the work of the church or its auxiliary work.

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### 3. THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY OF CLYDE CHURCH.

*By Miss Majie Lambkin.*

The history of no church would be complete without a history of the young people and their organizations, for the young people of yesterday are the matured leaders of today, and the young people of today will be the leaders and managers of tomorrow.

That Dr. Williams fully appreciated the value of the young people, and the necessity of organizing their energy in order to best develop their strength, is proven by the fact that within the first year after the founding of the church, or on September 28th, 1883, he called the young people of his congregation together and organized the first Christian Endeavor society in the state, generally supposed to be the first society west of the Mississippi.

The first prayer meeting of the society was held in the chapel Sunday evening, October 7th, 1883, at which time they had a membership of sixteen active and nineteen associate members.

The early years of the society sparkle with life and enthusiasm, which spirit seemed to so thoroughly permeate the members that at the end of a quarter of a century the church numbers among its most honored and respected members, men and women who were prominent among the young people at that time.

The Clyde church has not only the honor of having the first Y. P. S. C. E., but on February 14th, 1886, they gathered together the boys and girls who were too young for the Christian Endeavor society and organized the first Junior Christian Endeavor society ever heard of in this section of the country. The Junior society began with twelve boys and thirteen girls. For years the work of this branch was most effective, and the Junior society was one of the strongest departments of the church. Numbers of the strongest members of the Y. P. S. C. E. today came through the Junior society.

For a few years previous to 1906, the Juniors had been disbanded. Several attempts had been made to renew the Junior work, and on October 7th, 1906, they reorganized, and for a time were engaged in good, active work; then for lack of a suitable leader they disbanded, and again, 1908, renewed the work, and now have bright prospects for a good working society.

Shortly after the founding of the Junior society the Y. P. S. C. E. again came into prominence, and once again could lay claim to the "first fruits." Rev. Williams, who was the first State President in Missouri, called together in his church the societies of the city, which now numbered eight, and organized the Kansas City Christian Endeavor Union. At this meeting Mr. A. L. Cross of the Clyde society was chosen Vice-President, and within a very short time, owing to the resignation of the President, he became the first active President of the Local Union.

Thus within a period of five years the Clyde Christian Endeavor was influential in laying the foundation for two organizations, which today are strong factors in the Christian work of the city.

Although the society can lay claim to these especial honors, they were not unmindful of the smaller duties that came to them. During the first year they paid for frescoing the chapel, grading Brooklyn Avenue, improving the grounds, etc., besides other lines of missionary

work. What they were to the church in their first year they have been all through their history, ever standing ready to "do whatever He would like to have them do," and endeavoring to hold the young people together, and get new ones interested as they came into their midst.

In the past years there has passed through the hands of the Y. P. S. C. E. an average of \$125.00 per year, which has been used in practical work at home, and in the foreign fields. A few of the special features at home which they have been connected with have been as follows:

In 1894 they assisted the Local Union in the work of a soup house in the Bottoms.

In 1895 they were prominent in the hospital work of the city.

In 1896 they employed a kindergarten teacher to start and take care of a kindergarten at the Helping Hand Institute.

During all their history they have been deeply interested in the Bethel Mission, Old Ladies' Home, Florence Crittenton Home, and other charitable institutions of the city.

For the past three or four summers the young ladies have assisted in the Flower Mission work, distributing flowers among the sick, in the hospitals of the city.

During the history of the church there were several times when they were without a pastor, and conditions were not as encouraging as they might have been. At these times the Christian Endeavor was never known to give up hope, but on the contrary there were at all times a few who held together, until the sky brightened.

There have gone from the ranks of the society numbers of members who have been leaders in other fields. The following left the Clyde society and started in new fields during the first ten years:

A. L. Cross, the first President of the Local Union, organized three societies in Memphis and served one term as State Secretary of Tennessee.

Will H. Lewis organized the first society in the Dis-

trict of Columbia, from which sprang five other societies.

Walter Lewis was the means of starting the first Christian Endeavor society in Pomona, Cal.

W. H. Dunham was a leader in Christian Endeavor work in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Lester Lamphear served as President of Leavitt Street Congregational Church in Chicago.

During the last decade there have been more varied changes in the membership, and owing to these changes it has been more difficult to keep track of just what the members have done, but it has always been a source of satisfaction to hear various members tell of what their early training has meant to them as they have been called to new fields of labor.

The Clyde Y. P. S. C. E. has always considered it a duty, as well as a privilege, to have its own representatives at the international conventions, and has sent delegates to New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Seattle, Denver, and wherever the conventions were held. At times it meant a strenuous effort to raise the necessary funds, but they have in one way or another succeeded, and have felt well paid for the effort.

Prior to the coming of Dr. Lewis, the society had for some months been the most active branch of the church, although the conditions of the church made it difficult to make much advancement. In the fall of 1905, with the merging of the two churches, the Christian Endeavor societies came together. The Clyde officers and constitution were retained, and meetings were held at the Clyde branch until we went into the new church.

In 1906 they sent their first delegate to the conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement. As a result of this movement a Missionary Study Class was organized, which had a tendency to materially increase the missionary interest. Since that time they have had at least one, and at times two, and even four, delegates at these conventions.

Since entering the new church there has been a

marked increase in the attendance at the Sunday evening meetings, and the society is in good working condition. As in the past, the society has been first in its class. Its aim now is to be one of the "first" societies in the city, both in quality and quantity of members. So, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," they "press forward" to a greater work, pledging their support in the working out of the opportunities that lie before the new First Congregational Church.

#### 4. THE PRISCILLAS.

In 1899, in the old Clyde Sunday School there was a class of young girls taught by Mr. Verney. These girls had a class organization, and, working together, raised enough money to put a new upright piano in the place of the old square one then occupying the platform. This undertaking, successfully carried out, gave the girls an idea of what power lay in their hands, and when, shortly after, this class passed into the hands of Mrs. Burke, it followed that an outside organization was formed for the purpose of furthering the interests of missionary work. The girls adopted the following motto:

"Do all the good you can,  
To all the people you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
And at all the times you can."

And with a membership of twelve, started a society after the plan of a similar society in Fitchburg, Mass. As these twelve were all demure little maids, interested in a large and serious matter, they decided to call themselves "The Priscillas," after the little Massachusetts maid of long ago.

For a period of about three years the meetings were held every first and third Thursday afternoons at the home of Mrs. Burke, the Mother Priscilla, and were devoted to the study of the different branches of missionary work, and to the making of various articles of clothing, which were sold and the money placed in the



treasury. Monthly dues of ten cents per member were paid.

The membership of the society is divided into five committees, each taking its turn at providing, preparing and serving at every third meeting a supper, following a missionary program.

In 1902, the society became interested in the work being carried on at Bethel Mission, and from that grew a more special interest in Home Missions.

One dollar a month was pledged to the Bethel Mission, and has been paid ever since, being one of our standing benevolences.

In 1906, the Priscillas gave an entertainment at Clyde Church and repeated it at the Bethel Mission, giving the proceeds, amounting to about \$10.00, to the work of the mission.

The membership of the society has grown from twelve to thirty-seven.

Our aim last year was to raise \$105.00. This was met by the monthly dues of the members, and an entertainment was given at the close of the year, by which a deficiency of \$50.00 was made up.

This year (1908) the aim has been placed at \$125.00, and a new plan of meeting the obligation has been adopted. The plan is that in addition to the regular dues a special assessment of twenty-five cents per month for the last six months of the year be paid by each member.

The sum raised is to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions and city work.

One of the most interesting charities of the society was the support for several years of an Armenian orphan girl, from whom a number of letters were received. Another was the aid given to an Indian Bible woman who was kept in the field for a year.

We are proud of our society and hope that its capacity for doing good will grow with each passing month.

ALICE WIEMAN, *President.*

VIVIEN SPERRY, *Secretary.*

## PART THIRD

THE NEW FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
1905—



NEW FIRST CHURCH AT ADMIRAL AND HIGHLAND, FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

## CHAPTER X.

### THE UNION OF FIRST AND CLYDE.

The story told in earlier chapters reveals a condition of affairs in the old First Church and in Clyde during the latter part of the year 1904 that naturally led each of them to think of the advantages there would be in the union of the two as one church. Each needed the other, and both began to realize the fact. Apart their future was problematical; together they would form a strong working force in the Christian world.

The first positive move in the direction of a union of the two churches was made by the Board of Trustees of the First Church, at a meeting held December 19th, 1904. The record says that it was a special meeting called for the purpose of considering, informally, whether it would not be for the best interests of Congregationalism in the city to dispose of the present church property, if a satisfactory price could be obtained for it, and to locate in another part of the city, the Clyde Church uniting with the First and forming one strong church in a new edifice somewhere in the Clyde section. A general discussion was had and the plan was favored by all present. It was voted to invite the church boards—the Trustees and Deacons—to meet with like boards of the Clyde church, at the home of Mr. Burnham, on the evening of December 21st, 1904, to further canvass the matter before bringing the subject before the church as a whole. This meeting was held at the time and place named.

Mr. Fox of the First Church was made chairman, and Mr. Robert Macmillan of Clyde was made secretary. After a full discussion of the question of the union of the two churches it was voted to present the proposition to each church for separate action.

In carrying out this plan the First Church met January 3rd, 1905. At this meeting some favored the union of the two churches, but the general sentiment was found to be against such a move, and definite action was deferred. The subject was presented to Clyde at its annual meeting, January 2nd, 1905, and favorable action taken.

The Trustees of First Church met again January 4th and, with changed sentiment on the subject, voted to recommend to the church that they remain where they were, provided that members who had proposed to go to other churches remain with the old church and give it their hearty support financially and otherwise.

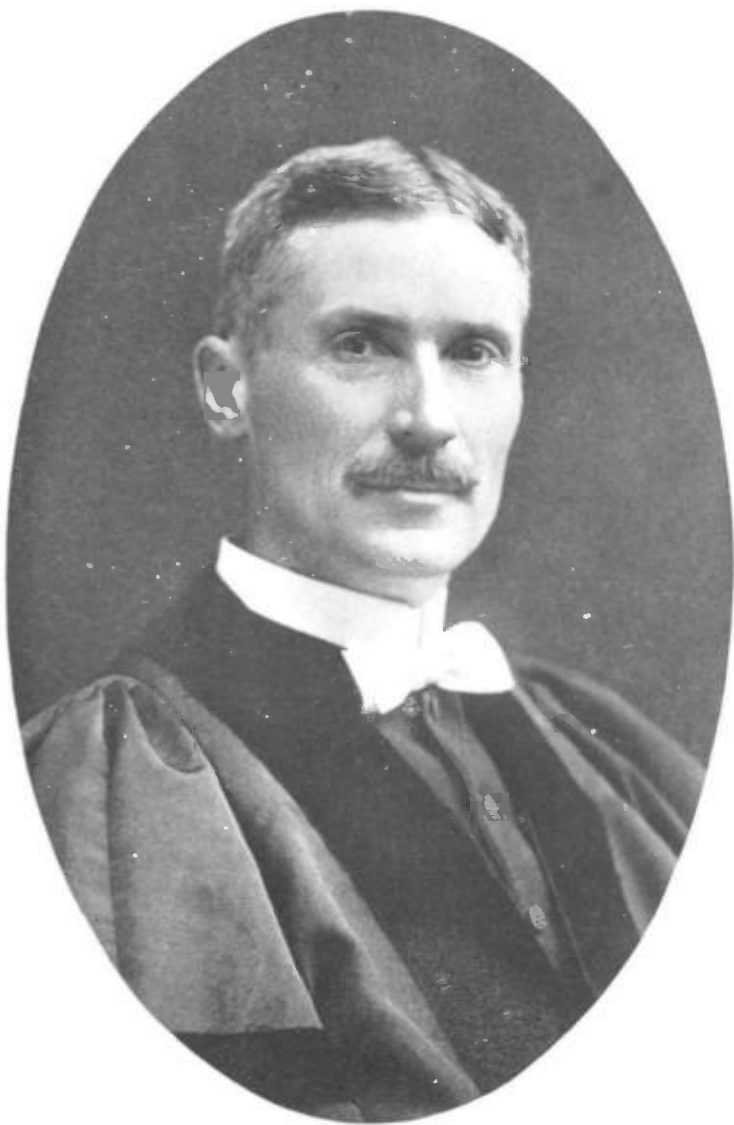
The subject was dropped for a time, and the affairs of both churches went on in the usual way through most of the year.

#### DR. LEWIS IN KANSAS CITY.

But about the middle of October, 1905, the Rev. Alexander Lewis, as the result of some correspondence with him by Mr. E. E. Holmes, came to Kansas City to look over the field. Dr. Lewis had been taking a year at Oxford for study, and was still there when Mr. Holmes wrote him.

After several letters had been exchanged he cut short his year at Oxford by about a month and came immediately to Kansas City.

He preached for the First Church on Sunday, October 15th, 1905. He spent about three weeks in the city, making a thorough study of the situation and a careful canvass of the field to determine the number and location of Congregational families in it. Then he met the Trustees and Deacons in a conference, and he advocated so earnestly and persuasively the union of First and Clyde in one strong central church, and the erection of a fine, new edifice for the new church, that both societies were completely won over to the idea, and proceeded at once to take the necessary steps to carry it out.



REV. ALEXANDER LEWIS, PH. D., D. D.  
Present Pastor.

A committee of five was appointed by each church to act together as a joint committee of ten in arranging plans for the merger, and to report to the churches.

The members of the committee were, for First Church: J. F. Downing, chairman; H. M. Lee, J. M. Fox, E. D. Bigelow, and Albert Marty.

For Clyde they were: Robert Macmillan, chairman; A. I. Smith, C. M. Gilbert, Lorenzo Luce, and C. B. Norton.

At the same time another committee of ten was appointed, five from each church, with authority to act together in the selection of a pastor.

#### DR. LEWIS CALLED BY COMMITTEE.

This committee met November 6th, 1905, and voted unanimously to extend a call to Dr. Lewis to become pastor of the new church.

November 22nd, 1905, the Trustees of the First Church voted that the property at Eleventh and McGee Streets be placed in the hands of Mr. B. T. Whipple for sale at the price of \$150,000.

A little later in the same month the Joint Committee made their report of a plan of union, which was approved and adopted by both churches; by the First Church ....., and by Clyde, November 27th, 1905.

At the same time, also, Mr. Albert Marty was elected President, Mr. E. S. Bigelow, Secretary, and Mr. Edwin Fowler, Treasurer, of the new corporation, and authorized to proceed with the necessary steps for the incorporation of the new church.

The Articles of Agreement in the application for incorporation were signed November 28th, 1905, by James W. Perkins, B. T. Whipple, Edward E. Holmes, Edwin Fowler, M. B. Wright, A. E. Holmes, Alfred Gregory, H. M. Beardsley, E. S. Bigelow, T. H. Reynolds, John F. Downing, A. I. Smith, Lorenzo Luce, Herbert M. Lee, Albert Marty, John M. Fox, R. Macmillan, E. D. Bigelow, C. B. Norton, and C. M. Gilbert.

The New First Congregational Church was incorporated December 5th, 1905. Thus the two churches became one. The full name selected for the new organization was: The First Congregational Church of Kansas City, Mo.

#### FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CHURCH.

December 13th, 1905, the new church held a meeting for the adoption of a Confession of Faith, By-Laws, etc., (given in the Supplement).

#### CALL TO DR. LEWIS RATIFIED BY CHURCH.

It was at this meeting that, on motion of Deacon Wheeler, the call that, on November 6th, had been extended to Dr. Alexander Lewis by the committee of ten, was formally ratified by the church, and his salary fixed at \$5,000 per annum.

Dr. Lewis' letter of acceptance was dated December 15th, 1905, and was a hearty and enthusiastic pledging of his best efforts to the service of the First Congregational Church, whose future he believed to be full of promise. In response to the earlier call extended to Dr. Lewis, November 6th, by the committee of ten, he was soon upon the field, preaching his first sermon November 19th, 1905. His presence gave new impetus at once to the forward movement.

December 28th, 1905, the Trustees voted to sell the McGee Street property for \$150,000. This sale was consummated, though the First Church retained, for a reasonable rental, the use of the building until a new edifice should be ready.

#### CHOICE OF BUILDING SITES.

These matters disposed of, attention was turned to the question of the location of the proposed new church edifice. A committee was appointed to canvass the matter of suitable building sites.

The Trustees, early in February, recommended the purchase of the northwest corner of Admiral and Highland, and this site was practically agreed upon by the





ALBERT MARTY.  
Twelve Years Chairman of the Board of Trustees.  
1896-1909.

church. Some opposition to this location developed later, and the whole subject was re-submitted and a vote taken by mail, reapproving the above choice by a large majority.

Our membership was so scattered, however, that it proved impossible to find any location that would satisfy all. Final action was taken March 5th, 1906, when the Church met at Eleventh and McGee, and after considerable discussion, voted, by a two-thirds majority, in favor of the northwest corner of Admiral and Highland. On the next day, March 6th, the Trustees proceeded to buy this lot, authorizing the Treasurer to pay the price, \$27,500.

At a later date the Trustees recommended, and the church approved, the distribution of \$25,000, received from the sale of the old property, among the Congregational churches of the city, so that if they were inconvenienced by the new location they could joint the church nearest them and feel that they were taking something with them.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

July 5th, 1906, the following Building Committee was appointed: E. E. Holmes, chairman; A. P. Marty, H. M. Lee, Eugene Rust, C. B. Norton.

At the suggestion of Mr. Beardsley the names of two ladies were added to this committee by vote of the Church. They were Mrs. J. H. Kitchen and Mrs. George E. Matthews.

After a few weeks Mr. Holmes resigned as chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. A. P. Marty was made chairman. Under his leadership the difficult but interesting task of bringing into being our beautiful church edifice was taken up and carried forward as rapidly as possible. Meanwhile, the regular work of the church went on.

Preaching services were held at Eleventh and McGee streets Sunday mornings, and at Clyde Sunday evenings. Sunday Schools were maintained in both places.

The mid-week service was, for the most part, held at Clyde. During these months the members were getting acquainted with each other, and adjusted to the new conditions.

#### DR. LEWIS INSTALLED.

Dr. Lewis was duly installed by Council, October 25th, 1906. Dr. A. K. Wray was the Moderator, and Rev. B. B. Seelye was the Scribe. The following items are taken from the installation program:

Prayer of Invocation.....Rev. C. F. Stimson  
 Sermon.....Rev. Thomas B. McLeod, D.D., St. Louis  
 Prayer of Installation.....Rev. James Parsons, Sedalia  
 Charge to the Pastor.....Pres. J. E. Kirby, D.D., Springfield  
 Right Hand of Fellowship.....Rev. Wallace M. Short  
 Charge to the People.....Rev. Francis L. Hayes, D.D., Topeka  
 Prayer.....Rev. J. A. Seibert

The occasion was an interesting and inspiring one and augured well for the new church and its new pastor and their work together.

Ground was broken for the new church April 8th, 1907, the first shovelful of dirt being lifted by the senior Trustee, Mr. J. C. Gates.

#### CORNERSTONE LAID.

The cornerstone was laid with appropriate ceremonies, July 14th, 1907, at 6:00 p. m. The program was in part as follows:

History—"The Old First".....Dea. J. W. Perkins  
 History—"The Clyde".....Dea. F. M. Weaver  
 Address—"The Relation of the Church to the City".....  
 .....By Mayor H. M. Beardsley  
 Contents of Cornerstone Box.....Dea. E. S. Bigelow  
 Presentation of Silver Trowel.....Mr. C. B. Norton  
 Laying of Cornerstone.....Mr. J. C. Gates, Mayor H. M.  
 .....Beardsley, Dea. J. A. Hays, Chairman A. P. Marty  
 Prayer and Benediction by the Pastor, Rev. Alexander Lewis.

#### PARISH HOUSE COMPLETED.

In February, 1908, the Parish House was completed and the first service (a communion service) held in it on Sunday, March 1st. Here the church continued to



A. T. SMITH  
EUGENE RUST  
C. B. NORTON  
W. C. TABB

R. MACMILLAN, PRES.  
H. M. LEE  
B. T. WHIPPLE  
J. H. KITCHEN

F. W. PRATT  
J. M. FOX  
A. D. RIDER  
C. A. DUNHAM

TRUSTEES, 1909.



DR. C. L. BUDGE  
J. N. GREEN  
G. J. HILL  
THEODORE REMLEY

C. T. PICKETT, CHAIRMAN  
J. H. WHEELER  
W. H. WORMSTEAD  
J. A. HAYS

F. N. TUFTS  
M. A. POTTS  
R. M. HOCKADAY  
W. E. HELLEN

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hold all services until the main building was completed.

After this first Sunday morning in the new Parish House appropriate and interesting farewell services were held in both the old places of worship—places from which the former members could not turn forever away without living over again in public rehearsal and in silent, tender memory the religious and social life that had centered there.

#### DEDICATION OF CHURCH.

The completed structure was dedicated during the week beginning December 6th, 1908. The dedicatory services covered the first five days of the week. How rich in good things the services were may be judged, to some extent, from the dedicatory program, the principal points of which are given below:

##### DEDICATION SERVICES.

*December 6 to 10, 1908.*

First, on Sunday, December 6th, at 10:30 a. m., came the "Dedication of the Parish House to the Social Life of the Church," with appropriate music and responsive readings, prayer by President J. H. George, D. D., of Drury College, and a sermon by the pastor on "The Church and the Home."

Again on Sunday, at 4:00 p. m. was the "Dedication of Sunday School Hall to the Work of Christian Education."

On this program were—

Greetings, from Mr. W. H. Moore, Superintendent of Central M. E. Sunday School, and from Prof. C. H. Nowlin, Superintendent of Independence Boulevard M. E. School.

Response, by Mr. C. B. Norton, Superintendent of the First Congregational School.

Greetings, by Mr. Clyde Finch, from Independence Boulevard Christian Y. P. S. C. E., and by Mr. Guy Withers, from the Local Union.

Response, by Mr. Arthur E. Lybolt, President of First Congregational Y. P. S. C. E.

Prayer, by Rev. Horace F. Holton, President of Kansas City Congregational S. S. Union.

Address, by President J. H. George, D. D., on "The Church and the School."

Dedicatory Prayer.

*Monday Evening.*

"Dedication of the Organ by Clarence Eddy, concert organist

of New York, assisted by Miss Eleanor M. Beardsley of Kansas City, soprano."

Mr. Eddy fully sustained his reputation as one of the great concert organists of the world.

Long before the program was over every one was willing to grant that the organ purchasing committee, Mr. J. M. Coburn, had made a good selection.

*Tuesday Evening.*

"Dedication of Church to Interdenominational Fellowship."

Parts on this most interesting program were taken by Reverends E. F. Schwab, J. B. Silcox, S. M. Neel, Luther Freeman, G. H. Combs, Rabbi Mayer, F. C. McConnell, J. D. Ritchey, and Father Dalton.

Dr. Lewis, the pastor, presided at this service and there was manifest through it all a warm spirit of Christian brotherhood, spiced with a little friendly banter natural on such an occasion.

*Wednesday Evening.*

"Dedication of the Church to the Welfare of our Workmen."

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. A. Halbert.

Remarks by Rev. Wallace M. Short, Chaplain of K. C. Labor Unions.

Address by Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D. D., of St. Paul, Minn., pastor of People's Congregational Church, writer and lecturer in State University on social and kindred subjects.

*Thursday Evening.*

"Dedication of the Church to the Worship of God and to World-Wide Evangelism."

The Invocation was by Rev. Frank L. Johnston.

Scripture Reading, Rev. J. Addison Seibert.

Prayer, Rev. Albert Bushnell, D. D.

Sermon by the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, D. D., of Chicago, President of Armour Institute, formerly Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Presentation of the Keys by Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. A. P. Marty.

Reception of the Keys by President of Trustees, Mr. Albert Marty. Dedicator Prayer.

In the absence of Mr. A. P. Marty his report was read by Mr. E. E. Holmes.

The excellent music at all these services was furnished mostly by the regular church choir: W. H. Bigelow, organist and director; Mrs. G. S. Hickman, soprano; Mrs. F. R. C. Rollins, contralto; H. T. Wheelock, tenor; Dr. F. C. Banta, baritone.

So, after about two years of earnest work and patient waiting the church found itself in full possession of a



T. H. REYNOLDS, CLERK  
ROBT. MACMILLAN, GREETING COM.  
ARTHUR E. LYBOLT,  
PRES. Y. P. S. C. E.

G. B. NORTON, S. S. SUPT.  
F. E. TROTTER, MUSIC COM.  
J. M. COHURN, ORGAN COM.  
EDW. KREISER, ORGANIST

F. M. WEAVER,  
TREASURER  
C. H. HAIN, HOUSE COM.  
H. L. McCUNE, PRES. BROTHERHOOD

# OTHER OFFICIALS.



wonderfully beautiful new house of worship and church home. For completeness and convenience in all its parts, and for beauty of architecture, it stands at least the equal of any church in Kansas City. For all this we are indebted, not alone to the architects, Shepard & Farrar, who certainly, for this piece of work, deserve high praise, but as well to a most efficient Building Committee, who in all the details of the work showed good judgment and good taste, and also to the constant personal attention of the general contractor, Mr. J. A. Hays, one of our members, who took great pleasure and pride in building his own church home.

All who had anything to do with the building seemed to work together with enthusiasm to produce the noble structure that it is, and in which we all take an honest pride.

During the interval after March 5th, 1907, when the northwest corner of Admiral and Highland was chosen for the new church, quite a number of the members whose homes were in the southern part of the city withdrew their membership and joined churches nearer their homes. We were sorry to have them go, but there is some compensation in the fact that what was our loss was always somebody's gain, and that about as fast as these have gone from us others have come to take their places.

The work of the church has gone strongly forward in every department, and the outlook for the years to come is full of promise of increasing strength and usefulness in the field in which God has placed us.

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This record should not close without some reference to the death of Dr. Hopkins, and to a memorial service held in his honor in our Parish House, Sunday evening, August 30th, 1908.

After five remarkably successful years as President of Williams, Dr. Hopkins resigned because of failing health, and because he felt, too, that the interests of

the College would be better served by a younger man; his resignation taking effect June, 1908.

He and his family were enjoying a trip abroad when, on August 18th, 1908, he died of pneumonia at Rotterdam, Holland. The news of his death came as a great shock to his many friends in Kansas City.

Mr. James M. Coburn presided at the memorial service. After a few appropriate remarks Mr. Coburn gave way to Mr. E. D. Bigelow, who read some very tender letters of regret and appreciation from absent pastors and friends—Rev. S. M. Neel, Rev. W. F. Richardson, Rev. T. P. Haley, and Dr. E. W. Schauffler. There were also addresses in which high tribute was paid to the character and work of Dr. Hopkins. These were by Mr. J. V. C. Karnes, Rabbi H. M. Mayer, ex-Mayor Henry M. Beardsley, and Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, D.D.

Every one who was present and listened to these letters and addresses and entered into the devotional part of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Sutherland, must have felt himself under the spell of a rarely beautiful and noble character and life.

Dr. Lewis, the present pastor, was in Europe at the time of this service, but at the first communion service, after his return in the fall, he, also, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Dr. Hopkins.



MRS. LORENZO LUCE, PRES.  
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PRES. LOCAL BOARD  
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# WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

# SUPPLEMENT

## CHAPTER XI.

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### 1. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR. A. P. MARTY.

READ BY MR. E. E. HOLMES AT THE DEDICATION SERVICE HELD  
DECEMBER 10TH, 1908.

*To the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, First Congregational Church.*

In resigning to you the work that you entrusted to it, more than two years ago, it is not necessary for your committee to go into any historical details of the building of this church where we are now assembled, to set out in figures its metes and bounds, nor to estimate its cost in dollars and cents. You are well acquainted with these facts, and if you were not, they are all stated concisely and in better form than I could state them in the program before you. As its task is about completed, your Building Committee may at this time make a brief statement of its work and the results it sought to attain. It was decided in the very first meeting that the building, when finished, should stand unmistakably a church, that every line and angle should proclaim to the passer-by the purpose for which it was intended; and that every gable, buttress and tower should inspire at least a momentary thought of the higher and better things. To this aim the early English Gothic seemed to best lend itself, and so that style was chosen, and it has been the intention of architect and committee to carry out this style in every detail of material and design, that the building might finally stand a harmonious whole; no feature so prominent as to detract from any other feature—no part so inartistic or elaborate as to be obtrusive—that the result should appeal to the eye and to the heart, not for this point, or that, but that it should in its entirety, be an expression of deep religious sentiment, dignified and impressive, without being gloomy; massive as space and means would permit without being cold.

While church architecture has been sometimes called frozen music, we wanted nothing frozen or chilling about this example of it, but rather to make it a warm appealing "sermon in stone." Only in nature are inartistic combinations of form and color made artistically; man has to follow recognized lines and fashions, color schemes and perspectives, that the result may be a fit expression of

that dignity and reverence that should breathe from every church design.

We also wished to make this an honest building, everything about it being good, even if plain, and everything being, as far as possible, without pretense of being what it was not—hypocrisy being as much out of place in a church building as in the church organization.

Recognizing that the building is a means and not an end, your committee has endeavored to make it practical and convenient for the many departments of church activity—keeping as far as possible the church building proper for the worship of God and yet providing ample room and accommodation for the social life of the congregation, and for the Sabbath School, which is the child of the past church, and parent of the church of the future.

There has always been some criticism whenever a church spends any considerable sum of money for a building, but it seems to us that any gift inspired by love of God and recognized as such a gift, cannot be too costly either in money or effort. We note no adverse comment in the Bible on the fact that David left about four thousand million dollars' worth of gold and silver to Solomon for the building of the temple at Jerusalem—but the building to be worthy of this expenditure must be truly a house of the Lord, a place for worship, whether it be in sermon, prayer, music or social intercourse, for each of these may be a means of grace.

Your committee trusts that the building, the keys of which it now delivers into your hands, has in some measure carried out the aim of its builders. In so far as you find it good, it will be a reward for the time and labor spent on it. In so far as it disappoints you, or merits your disapproval, the committee asks from you that charity and forbearance which come from the knowledge of how far short the real is from the ideal in all human efforts.

We, as a committee, are to be congratulated on the perfect harmony that has existed from the beginning. There has not been the slightest discord or ill feeling at any time over any question that has arisen. Differences of opinion at times maybe, but cheerful and ready acceptance of the wish of the majority, and the members of the committee wish to express their gratitude that they were permitted to serve as such, for the work has been one of great interest and pleasure.

We trust that the completion of this building will be but as a mile stone in the onward progress of the church, not an occasion for boasting of achievement nor for saying, "We are rich and have gotten riches and are in need of nothing," lest we hear the voice that spoke to the angel of the Church of Laodicea, saying, "Thou knowest not that thou are poor and blind and naked," but rather may we hear, "Behold I have set before thee an open door," and may we as a church also make of this church building



E. EL HOLMES  
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G. E. SHEPARD, ARCHITECT

J. A. HAYS, GEN. CONTRACTOR

NEW CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE  
With Architect and Contractor.

an open door to all mankind within the circle of our influence—  
an open door so inviting that many may enter through that door  
into the fold.

We give you the keys of this church, knowing that the door will  
always be open to receive those who come seeking consolation, for-  
giveness, or spiritual uplift. We give you the keys of this church,  
trusting no lock will ever prevent the constant radiation from this  
temple, of truth, of love to the tempted and the sorrowing, and the  
message of salvation to the fallen.

We give to you the keys.

A. P. MARTY, *Chairman.*

## 2. REGISTER OF CHURCH OFFICERS.

### OLD FIRST.

#### PASTORS.

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. Leavitt Bartlett. ....       | 1865-1867          |
| Rev. R. M. Hooker. ....           | 1867, 4 months     |
| Rev. E. N. Andrews. ....          | 1867-1868, 1 year  |
| Rev. J. G. Roberts, D. D. ....    | 1869-1879          |
| Rev. Henry Hopkins, D. D. ....    | 1880-1902          |
| Rev. James W. Fifield, D. D. .... | 1902-1904, 2 years |

#### DEACONS.

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| W. P. Winner. ....     | 1866-1884 |
| D. A. Williams. ....   | 1866-1868 |
| Mathias Marty. ....    | 1868-     |
| John Doggett. ....     | 1869-     |
| D. W. Wells. ....      | 1870-     |
| H. M. Stevens. ....    | 1871-     |
| M. B. Wright. ....     | 1872-     |
| J. R. Whittemore. .... | 1873-     |
| H. M. Lee. ....        | 1877-1889 |
| Ira Lewis. ....        | 1881-1893 |
| J. M. Coburn. ....     | 1881-1886 |
| J. H. Wheeler. ....    | 1885-1905 |
| S. P. Twiss. ....      | 1886-     |
| H. O. Leonard. ....    | 1886-1896 |
| T. B. Jewell. ....     | 1886-1895 |
| M. Bliss. ....         | 1889-1892 |
| E. D. Bigelow. ....    | 1896-1905 |
| J. M. Fox. ....        | 1890-1905 |
| C. A. Hughson. ....    | 1893-1902 |
| C. F. Holman. ....     | 1893-1895 |
| I. C. Howes. ....      | 1896-1898 |
| S. W. Rider. ....      | 1896-1898 |
| H. L. McCune. ....     | 1898-1905 |
| H. M. Beardsley. ....  | 1902-1905 |

#### TRUSTEES.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| S. P. Twiss. ....     | 1866-1871 |
| Edward Vaughn. ....   | 1866-1870 |
| Mathias Marty. ....   | 1866-1884 |
| W. P. Winner. ....    | 1866-1873 |
| W. P. Moore. ....     | 1866-1868 |
| J. C. Gates. ....     | 1881-1905 |
| M. B. Wright. ....    | 1881-1893 |
| F. L. Underwood. .... | 1881-1890 |
| E. H. Allen. ....     | 1882-1895 |
| L. Bartlett. ....     | 1881-1884 |
| C. F. Holman. ....    | 1886-1891 |
| H. W. Baker. ....     | 1884-1885 |
| M. A. Potts. ....     | 1885-1891 |
| E. E. Holmes. ....    | 1891-1905 |
| Albert Marty. ....    | 1892-1905 |
| A. R. Meyer. ....     | 1892-1902 |
| H. M. Lee. ....       | 1893-1905 |
| J. K. Burnham. ....   | 1895-1905 |
| J. E. Schmelzer. .... | 1902-1905 |
| J. F. Downing. ....   | 1902-1905 |
| F. P. Burnap. ....    | 1902-1905 |
| J. D. Robertson. .... | 1902-1904 |

## CLERKS.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| W. H. Sutton.....     | 1866-1867 |
| M. B. Wright.....     | 1868-1869 |
| J. L. Whittemore..... | 1880      |
| T. B. Jewell.....     | 1881-1887 |
| C. F. Palmer.....     | 1888-1894 |
| H. L. McCune.....     | 1895-1897 |
| F. N. Tufts.....      | 1898-1905 |

## TREASURERS.

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Edward Vaughn..... | 1866-1868       |
| Mathias Marty..... | 1869-1870       |
| D. W. Wells.....   | 1871-1872       |
| Allan Bourn.....   | 1873            |
| C. F. Holman.....  | 1874-1875       |
| M. B. Wright.....  | 1877, 1884-1885 |
| E. A. Fussell..... | 1878            |
| J. W. Perkins..... | 1879-1883, 1891 |
| H. P. Stimson..... | 1886            |
| J. F. Downing..... | 1887-1889       |
| E. D. Bigelow..... | 1890            |
| W. P. Holmes.....  | 1892-1894       |

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| L. H. Holmes.....  | 1896      |
| E. S. Bigelow..... | 1897-1901 |
| Arthur Marty.....  | 1902-1903 |
| Edwin Fowler.....  | 1904-1905 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER-  
INTENDENTS.

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| D. A. Williams.....  | 1865-1867 |
| Edward Vaughn.....   | 1868      |
| John Doggett.....    | 1869      |
| J. W. Perkins.....   | 1870-1877 |
| J. E. Forbes.....    | 1878      |
| E. A. Fussell.....   | 1879      |
| Robert Gillham.....  | 1880-1881 |
| John Lewis.....      | 1882      |
| B. F. Pierce.....    | 1883      |
| E. E. Holmes.....    | 1884-1886 |
| E. D. Bigelow.....   | 1887-1888 |
| H. M. Beardsley..... | 1889-1898 |
| S. W. Rider.....     | 1899-1900 |
| C. S. Palmer.....    | 1901-1905 |

## 3. REGISTER OF CHURCH OFFICERS.

## CLYDE.

## PASTORS.

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. J. H. Williams, D. D. ....  | 1883-1893           |
| Rev. J. L. Sewall.....           | 1893-1896           |
| Rev. Wolcott Calkins, D. D. .... | 1896-1897           |
| Rev. J. B. Richardson.....       | 1897-1898, 6 months |
| Rev. E. Lee Howard.....          | 1898-1900, 2 years  |
| Rev. Albert Bushnell, D. D. .... | 1900-1905           |

## DEACONS.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| V. W. Coddington..... | 1882-1886 |
|                       | 1890-1892 |
| E. A. Fussell.....    | 1882-1889 |
| W. H. Wormstead.....  | 1884-1897 |
|                       | 1899-1902 |
| H. G. Potter.....     | 1886-1890 |
| V. W. Mather.....     | 1889-1894 |
| W. W. Findlay.....    | 1889-1894 |
|                       | 1897-1904 |
| J. A. Hays.....       | 1890-1899 |

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| J. E. Harris.....     | 1891-1893 |
| I. L. Crittenden..... | 1893-1894 |
|                       | 1896-1899 |
| C. T. Pickett.....    | 1893-1901 |
|                       | 1903-1904 |
| F. L. Severance.....  | 1894-1898 |
| O. J. Hill.....       | 1894-1896 |
|                       | 1900-1903 |
| C. M. Lewis.....      | 1894-1898 |
| H. R. Weaver.....     | 1895-1898 |
| F. W. Colby.....      | 1897-1900 |



Joseph Chandler. . . 1897-1899  
                                   1902-1904  
 C. L. Burke. . . . . 1898-1901  
                                   1903-1905  
 Thomas Eadie. . . . 1898  
 Harry L. Hibbard. 1899-1902  
 J. A. Marvin. . . . . 1900-1903  
 S. P. Twiss. . . . . 1901-1902  
 B. B. Seelye. . . . . 1901  
 Jacob Bried. . . . . 1903-1905  
 F. M. Weaver. . . . 1903-1905  
 L. G. Shepard. . . . 1903-1905  
 H. B. Verney. . . . . 1904-1905  
 E. M. Abbott. . . . . 1905

## TRUSTEES.

B. R. Bacon. . . . . 1882-1887  
                                   1889-1893  
 C. F. Emery. . . . . 1882-1887  
 H. R. Weaver. . . . 1882-1883  
 J. A. Hays. . . . . 1884-1887  
 H. F. Blood. . . . . 1888  
 J. E. Harris. . . . . 1888  
 W. W. Findlay. . . . 1888-1890  
 W. J. Elliott. . . . . 1889-1891  
 E. A. Fussell. . . . . 1889-1891  
                                   1892-1894  
 A. I. Smith. . . . . 1889-1898  
                                   1901-1905  
 I. L. Crittenden. . . 1889-1892

L. Traber. . . . . 1891-1893  
 W. W. McEntire. . . 1892-1900  
                                   1902-1905  
 C. M. Gilbert. . . . . 1893-1895  
                                   1902-1905  
 Robert Macmillan. 1894-1899  
                                   1901-1905  
 Edgar J. Penfield. . 1894-1896  
 J. D. Swan. . . . . 1894-1899  
 Eugene Rust. . . . . 1894-1898  
 C. B. Norton. . . . . 1894-1896  
                                   1901-1905  
 L. H. Mason. . . . . 1895-1897  
                                   1900-1903  
 L. J. Sappington. . . 1895  
 Moses T. Runnells. 1895-1896  
 C. W. McDaniel. . . 1895-1900  
 H. McWilliams. . . . 1896-1898  
 H. B. Verney. . . . . 1897-1899  
 C. H. Moore. . . . . 1898-1900  
 J. H. Kitchen. . . . . 1899-1901  
                                   1904-1905  
 Walter Norton. . . . 1899-1901  
 Lorenzo Luce. . . . . 1899-1905  
 W. S. Hannah. . . . . 1900-1902  
 E. W. Thayer. . . . . 1900-1902  
 W. C. Tabb. . . . . 1901-1903  
 A. J. Poor. . . . . 1901-1905  
 Charles G. Bragg. . . 1904-1905  
 Ward M. Lewis. . . . 1905

## MEN WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A. I. Smith. . . . . 1893, 1896-1898  
 C. M. Gilbert. . . . . 1894  
 J. D. Swan. . . . . 1895  
 Robert Macmillan. . . . . 1899, 1901-1905  
 W. W. McEntire. . . . . 1900

## CLERKS.

E. A. Fussell. . . . . 1882-1883  
                                   1893-1894  
 E. M. Fuller. . . . . 1884  
 A. L. Cross. . . . . 1885-1887  
 H. M. Lamphear. . . 1888-1889  
 A. H. Mann. . . . . 1890-1892  
 C. T. Pickett. . . . . 1892  
                                   1894-1905

## S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. A. Fussell. . . . . 1882-1887  
                                   1889-1891  
 H. G. Potter. . . . . 1888  
 F. A. Warren. . . . . 1892-1894  
 O. J. Hill. . . . . 1895  
 C. B. Norton. . . . . 1896-1900  
 H. B. Verney. . . . . 1901-1902  
 J. A. Shannon. . . . 1903-1905

## FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| E. A. Fussell..... | 1884      |
| W. J. Elloit.....  | 1885      |
| W. C. Tabb.....    | 1886-1887 |
| J. E. Harris.....  | 1888-1889 |
| W. W. McEntire...  | 1890      |
| O. J. Hill.....    | 1891      |
| F. M. Weaver.....  | 1892-1894 |
| E. W. Thayer.....  | 1895      |

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| C. W. McDaniels... | 1896      |
| F. M. Weaver.....  | 1897-1902 |
| John Rankin.....   | 1903-1904 |
| F. J. Poor.....    | 1905      |

## TREASURERS.

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| B. R. Bacon.....   | 1882-1883 |
| W. J. Elliott..... | 1884      |
| C. F. Emery.....   | 1885-1887 |
| J. A. Hays.....    | 1888-1905 |

## 4. REGISTER OF CHURCH OFFICERS.

## THE NEW FIRST.

*(The dates given show year of election.)*

## PASTOR.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Rev. Alexander Lewis, Ph. D., D. D..... | 1905 |
|---|------|

## DEACONS.

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| H. M. Beardsley... | 1906       |
| E. D. Bigelow..... | 1906, 1907 |
| Joseph Chandler. . | 1906       |
|                    | 1907, 1908 |
| W. H. Wormstead.   | 1906, 1907 |
| Chas. L. Burke...  | 1906, 1909 |
| J. A. Hays.....    | 1906, 1909 |
| James W. Perkins.  | 1906       |
| J. H. Wheeler..... | 1906, 1909 |
| H. L. McCune....   | 1906       |

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| L. G. Shepherd.... | 1906 |
| F. M. Weaver.....  | 1906 |
| M. B. Wright.....  | 1906 |
| A. P. Marty.....   | 1906 |
| F. N. Tufts.....   | 1907 |
| Jas. N. Green..... | 1908 |
| M. A. Potts.....   | 1908 |
| C. T. Pickett..... | 1908 |
| O. J. Hill.....    | 1908 |
| Theodore Remley..  | 1909 |
| W. E. Hellen.....  | 1909 |
| R. M. Hockaday...  | 1909 |

## TRUSTEES.

|                    |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| H. M. Lee.....     | 1906, 1907 | D. 1909       |
| Albert Marty.....  | 1906, 1908 | Resig. 1909   |
| Eugene Rust.....   | 1906, 1907 |               |
| A. I. Smith.....   | 1906, 1907 |               |
| J. C. Gates.....   | 1906, 1908 |               |
| E. E. Holmes.....  | 1906, 1908 | Pres. 1907    |
| R. Macmillan.....  | 1906, 1909 |               |
| C. B. Norton.....  | 1906, 1909 |               |
| J. K. Burnham..... | 1906       | D. Mar., 1907 |
| J. F. Downing..... | 1906       | Resig. 1908   |
| C. M. Gilbert..... | 1906       |               |
| Lorenzo Luce.....  | 1906       |               |
| B. T. Whipple..... | 1907       |               |

*Trustees—Continued.*

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| W. C. Tabb.....     | 1908 |
| J. M. Fox.....      | 1908 |
| F. W. Pratt.....    | 1908 |
| L. K. Robinson..... | 1908 |
| R. M. Hockaday..... | 1908 |
| J. H. Kitchen.....  | 1909 |
| C. A. Dunham.....   | 1909 |

## CLERKS.

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| E. S. Bigelow..... | 1906, till July 5th   |
| A. M. Marty.....   | 1906, balance of year |
| A. C. Reinhardt... | 1907-1908             |
| T. H. Reynolds.... | 1909                  |

## TREASURERS.

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Edwin Fowler....  | 1906      |
| W. T. Brooks..... | 1907      |
| F. M. Weaver..... | 1908-1909 |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Alfred Gregory, McGee St.,<br>.....      | 1906      |
| C. B. Norton, Brooklyn<br>Ave. ....      | 1906-1908 |
| F. N. Tufts, McGee St.,<br>.....         | 1907-1908 |
| Dr. Max J. Exner, New<br>Church. . . . . | 1908      |
| C. B. Norton, New Church<br>.....        | 1908-1909 |

## 5. STATISTICAL TABLE—OLD FIRST.

| Years. | Membership. |        |       |        | Sunday School. | Y. P. S. C. E. | Benevo-<br>lences. | House<br>Expenses. |
|--------|-------------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|        | Male        | Fem'le | Total | Abse't |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1866   | 8           | 6      | 14    | 1      |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1867   | 14          | 14     | 28    | 3      |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1868   | 17          | 21     | 38    | 5      |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1869   | 47          | 42     | 83    | 10     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1870   | 55          | 53     | 108   | 22     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1871   | 73          | 67     | 140   | 20     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1872   | 95          | 88     | 183   | 38     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1873   | 94          | 95     | 189   | 63     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1874   | 96          | 101    | 197   | 71     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1875   | 93          | 100    | 193   | 70     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1876   |             |        |       |        |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1877   |             |        |       |        |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1878   | 103         | 120    | 223   | 60     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1879   |             |        |       |        |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1880   | 78          | 102    | 180   | 11     |                |                |                    |                    |
| 1881   | 98          | 113    | 211   |        |                |                | \$ 719             |                    |
| 1882   | 97          | 139    | 236   |        | 150            |                | 2,962              |                    |
| 1883   | 105         | 131    | 236   |        | 200            |                | 668                |                    |
| 1884   | 113         | 150    | 263   | 39     | 200            |                | 668                |                    |
| 1885   | 134         | 179    | 313   | 45     | 250            |                | 1,777              |                    |
| 1886   | 143         | 182    | 325   |        | 250            |                |                    |                    |
| 1887   | 188         | 290    | 478   |        | 400            | 48             | 3,501              | 9,141              |
| 1888   | 167         | 235    | 402   | 38     | 792            |                | 7,424              | 10,014             |
| 1889   | 183         | 266    | 449   | 40     | 700            |                | 11,864             | 9,965              |
| 1890   | 193         | 283    | 476   | 38     | 642            | 40             | 4,219              | 9,324              |
| 1891   | 187         | 276    | 463   | 58     | 679            | 92             | 2,858              | 9,640              |
| 1892   | 182         | 278    | 460   | 62     | 506            | 120            | 4,686              | 8,480              |
| 1893   | 187         | 289    | 476   | 64     | 687            | 118            | 4,722              | 8,818              |
| 1894   | 190         | 295    | 485   | 45     | 719            | 127            | 3,495              | 8,412              |
| 1895   | 199         | 303    | 502   |        | 517            | 121            | 1,706              | 9,142              |
| 1896   | 193         | 295    | 488   |        | 525            | 120            | 685                | 8,680              |
| 1897   | 188         | 290    | 478   |        | 400            | 78             | 3,501              | 9,141              |
| 1898   | 198         | 308    | 506   |        | 311            | 142            | 3,368              | 9,992              |
| 1899   | 191         | 299    | 490   | 40     | 321            | 100            | 3,864              | 9,147              |
| 1900   | 194         | 307    | 501   | 40     | 300            | 100            | 2,029              |                    |
| 1901   | 186         | 297    | 483   | 40     | 300            | 25             | 1,822              | 8,736              |
| 1902   | 143         | 270    | 413   | 50     | 200            | 50             | 1,197              | 9,910              |
| 1903   | 122         | 231    | 353   | 50     | 225            | 70             | 2,344              | 7,170              |
| 1904   | 101         | 190    | 291   |        | 175            | 16             | 1,196              | 8,844              |

## 6. STATISTICAL TABLE—CLYDE.

| Years.   | Membership. |        |       |        | Sunday School. | Y. P. S. O. E. | Benevo-<br>lences. | House Expenses. |
|----------|-------------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|          | Male        | Fem'le | Total | Abse't |                |                |                    |                 |
| 1882---- | 4           | 5      | 9     |        |                |                |                    |                 |
| 1883---- | 8           | 11     | 19    |        | 125            |                | \$ 45              | \$ 2,552        |
| 1884---- | 20          | 33     | 53    |        |                |                | 129                |                 |
| 1885---- | 25          | 56     | 81    | 3      | 250            |                | 161                | 2,800           |
| 1886---- | 35          | 81     | 116   | 3      | 210            |                |                    | 2,874           |
| 1887---- | 53          | 97     | 150   | 5      | 300            |                | 999                | 4,800           |
| 1888---- | 70          | 128    | 198   | 10     | 295            |                | 509                | 4,525           |
| 1889---- | 78          | 135    | 213   | 20     | 325            | 70             | 613                | 3,550           |
| 1890---- | 86          | 147    | 233   | 24     | 278            | 60             | 926                | 3,040           |
| 1891---- | 87          | 148    | 235   | 30     | 270            | 60             | 727                | 3,200           |
| 1892---- | 92          | 158    | 250   |        | 275            | 60             | 609                | 3,850           |
| 1893---- | 100         | 167    | 267   | 44     | 275            | 85             | 1,562              | 4,552           |
| 1894---- | 109         | 201    | 310   | 52     | 290            | 52             | 623                | 5,112           |
| 1895---- | 117         | 218    | 335   | 42     | 270            | 148            | 519                | 5,376           |
| 1896---- | 112         | 201    | 313   | 15     | 265            | 110            | 214                | 3,687           |
| 1897---- | 107         | 197    | 304   | 19     | 288            | 100            | 342                | 4,431           |
| 1898---- | 110         | 199    | 309   | 33     | 274            | 70             | 526                | 3,614           |
| 1899---- | 123         | 210    | 333   | 38     | 275            | 75             | 1,087              | 4,124           |
| 1900---- | 127         | 234    | 351   | 40     | 326            | 90             | 1,015              | 3,757           |
| 1901---- | 138         | 230    | 369   | 43     | 447            | 97             | 931                | 6,745           |
| 1902---- | 144         | 234    | 378   | 47     | 405            | 118            | 1,151              | 6,598           |
| 1903---- | 144         | 234    | 378   | 38     | 320            | 110            | 1,155              | 6,700           |
| 1904---- | 144         | 227    | 371   | 40     | 280            | 87             | 704                | 7,136           |

## THE NEW CHURCH.

|          |     |     |     |     |     |    |        |        |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|--------|--------|
| 1906---- | 256 | 486 | 742 | 54  | 500 | 66 | 13,448 | 13,500 |
| 1907---- | 274 | 480 | 754 | 113 |     | 99 | 30,517 | 12,019 |
| 1908---- | 281 | 483 | 764 | 100 | 383 | 75 | 19,293 | 24,542 |

## 7. PARISH DIRECTORY.

## NEW FIRST CHURCH.

1909.

## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor, REV. ALEXANDER LEWIS, Ph. D., D. D.

## DEACONS.

DEACONS:—C. T. Pickett, Dr. C. L. Burke, O. J. Hill, R. M. Hockaday, F. N. Tufts, J. N. Green, M. A. Potts, W. H. Wormstead, J. A. Hays, J. H. Wheeler, Theodore Remley, Wm. E. Hellen.

TRUSTEES:—Robert Macmillan, B. T. Whipple, A. I. Smith, F. W. Fratt, W. C. Tabb, Eugene Rust, H. M. Lee, J. M. Fox, C. B. Norton, Charles A. Dunham, J. H. Kitchen, A. D. Rider.

CLERK:—T. H. REYNOLDS.

TREASURER:—F. M. Weaver.

AUDITOR:—W. H. Kennedy.

MUSIC:—E. E. Trotter. Mrs. J. M. Coburn, Lorenzo Luce, Mrs. P. B. Godard, Fred Rust.

HOUSE:—C. H. Hain, W. M. Lewis, O. A. Severance, Mrs. W. H. Blades.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL:—C. B. Norton.

GREETING:—Robert Macmillan, Alfred D. Rider, R. M. Hockaday, Arthur Marty, C. F. Bingham, P. B. Godard, C. C. Campbell, J. D. Newby, C. E. Shepard, F. A. Leach, L. K. Robinson, W. A. Powell, C. W. Baldwin, N. M. Fitch.

USHERS:—C. H. Hain, W. H. Lewis, O. A. Severance, A. D. Rider, E. F. Judson, C. C. Campbell, B. E. McEntire, Dr. H. M. Thomas, A. W. Hertz.

## OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Superintendent.....                              | C. B. Norton            |
| Assistant Superintendent.....                    | F. N. Tufts             |
| Secretary.....                                   | E. F. Judson            |
| Treasurer.....                                   | Ralph Townley           |
| Superintendent Primary Department.....           | Miss Annie M. Street    |
| Assistant Superintendent Primary Department..... | Mrs. M. A. Pursley      |
| Librarian.....                                   | Miss Josephine Heinzman |

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| President.....      | Miss Vivien Sperry     |
| Vice-President..... | Miss Mabel C. Tobie    |
| Secretary.....      | Ernest Kleerschulte    |
| Treasurer.....      | Thomas Spencer         |
| Pianist.....        | Miss Ella G. Berkshire |

## THE PRISCILLAS.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| President.....      | Miss Alice Wieman  |
| Vice-President..... | Miss Mabel Tobie   |
| Secretary.....      | Miss Natalie Green |
| Treasurer.....      | Gaynell Lang       |
| Reporter.....       | Miss Helen Pursley |

## SEWING SCHOOL.

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Superintendent..... | Mrs. Sidney S. Morey |
| Inspector.....      | Mrs. H. M. Lee       |
| Secretary.....      | Miss Helen Pursley   |

## MOTHERS' BAND.

|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Leader..... | Mrs. Mary R. Doane |
|-------------|--------------------|

## THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Officers for 1909-'10.*

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| President.....                  | Mrs. Lorenzo Luce    |
| Vice-President.....             | Mrs. C. A. Dunham    |
| Secretary.....                  | Mrs. C. W. Wadsworth |
| Treasurer.....                  | Mrs. A. D. Rider     |
| Auditor.....                    | Mrs. L. K. Robinson  |
| President of Foreign Board..... | Mrs. E. E. Trotter   |
| President of Home Board.....    | Mrs. C. L. Burke     |
| President of Local Board.....   | Mrs. C. F. Bingham   |

## CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Literary.....              | Mrs. J. N. Green     |
| Sewing.....                | Mrs. M. F. Vance     |
| Quilting.....              | Mrs. C. B. Norton    |
| Pantry and Purchasing..... | Mrs. O. B. Clark     |
| Piano.....                 | Mrs. J. M. Coburn    |
| Social.....                | Mrs. Alexander Lewis |
| Social Worker.....         | Mrs. Mary R. Doane   |

## YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Officers for 1909-'10.*

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| President.....      | Miss Nellie L. Tabb  |
| Vice-President..... | Miss Oda Z. Closson  |
| Secretary.....      | Miss Edith Norton    |
| Treasurer.....      | Mrs. O. A. Severance |

## CHOIR.

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Organist and Choirmaster..... | Mr. Edward Kreiser |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|

## QUARTETTE.

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| Miss Mildred Langworthy, Soprano. |
| Mrs. F. R. C. Rollins, Contralto. |
| Mr. H. T. Wheelock, Tenor.        |
| Dr. F. C. Banta, Baritone.        |
| Mixed Chorus of thirty voices.    |

## BROTHERHOOD.

(Organized as a part of the Congregational Brotherhood in 1908.)

*Officers for 1909-'10.*

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| President.....      | Francis A. Leach  |
| Vice-President..... | Wm. F. Wilcox     |
| Secretary.....      | Bruce E. McEntire |
| Treasurer.....      | R. M. Hockaday    |

## 8. OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH AND COVENANT AS AMENDED IN 1907.

The Confession of Faith, the Covenant, etc., adopted December 13, 1905, were considerably amended at the annual meeting, January 21st, 1907. We give them in the amended forms.

The Confession of Faith adopted in place of the old one is substantially the statement put forth and unanimously accepted by the representatives of the Congregational Church, the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in Council at Dayton, Ohio, February, 1906. Acceptance of this statement is not a condition of membership in this church (for such requirement see the Covenant), but we consider it an excellent expression of those great truths for which we stand and of the ideal toward which we are working.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH.

1. Our bond of union consists in that inward and personal faith in Jesus Christ as our divine Savior and Lord on which all of our churches are founded; also in our acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired source of our faith and the supreme standard of Christian truth; and further, in our consent to the teaching of the ancient symbols of the undivided Church, and to that substance of Christian doctrine which is common to the creeds and confessions which we have inherited from the past. But we humbly depend, as did our fathers, on the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all the truth.

2. We believe that God, the Father and Lord of all, did send



His son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and death by the perfect obedience of His holy will in life, by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross and by His glorious resurrection from the dead.

3. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and of Christ, moves in the hearts of men, calling them through the gospel to repentance and faith, awakening in them spiritual sorrow for past sin and confidence in the mercy of God, together with new desires and a new power to obey His will.

4. We believe that those of the sons of men, who, hearing God's call of divine love, do heartily put their trust in the Savior whom His love provided, are assured by His word of His most fatherly forgiveness, of His free and perfect favor, of the presence of His Spirit in their hearts and of a blessed immortality.

5. We believe that all who are through faith the children of God constitute the church of Christ, the spiritual body of which He is the head; that He has appointed them to proclaim His gospel to all mankind, to manifest in their character and conduct the fruit of His Spirit; that He has granted them freedom to create such offices and institutions as may in each generation serve unto those ends, and that for the comfort of our faith He has given to His church the sacred ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that according to Christ's law men of the Christian faith exist for the service of man, not only in holding forth the word of life, but in the support of works and institutions of pity and charity, in the maintenance of human freedom, in the deliverance of all those that are oppressed, in the enforcement of civic justice, in the rebuke of all unrighteousness, in promoting the welfare of all toilers on land and sea, and in furthering the unity and peace of mankind.

### COVENANT.

Believing in the life of love and service as set forth in the work and teachings of Jesus, in the church as an organized force in the world, the purpose of which is to win men to Christ and to save them for this world and the world to come, I cordially connect myself with this church in a direct and special union, engaging to submit to its rules of government and discipline, to attend in so far as possible its ordinances of worship; to contribute to its support and its benevolences as the Lord prospers me, and to walk with its members in meekness, fidelity and love.

Consent to this Covenant is the only requirement for admission to membership in this church.

## 9. BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

## ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES.

This church is organized on the following ecclesiastical principles:

1. A church is always to be composed of such as are judged to belong to Christ, and none others.

2. A church is a society of professed believers, united by covenant, for the worship of God and the work of the Gospel.

3. Every local church is complete in itself, and has full power to perform all the functions and do all the work which Christ has committed to His church on earth. It thus controls the forming of its creed, the election of its officers, the administration, discipline and removal of its members.

4. Every church is bound to live in fellowship, and co-operate with other evangelical churches, since all alike belong to Christ. In all matters of common interest, the views of neighboring churches should be consulted; but in no such sense as to give those churches control over it in faith, order or action.

5. The members of a church, as concerns their relations to each other and the body, are equal in rights, privileges and powers.

## ARTICLE II.

## OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this church shall be a Pastor, Trustees, Deacons, a Church Committee, a Secretary and Clerk, or more than one should there be occasion therefor, a Treasurer or Treasurers, an Auditor or Auditors, a Music Committee, a House Committee, a Financial Secretary, one or more Sunday School Superintendents, and such other officers as may be found to be necessary or desirable. The officers of this church shall, when elected and qualified, continue to hold office till their successors are elected and qualified. In case of a vacancy, the church may at any meeting, notice required by by-laws having been given, elect a successor to fill the unexpired term occasioned by such vacancy.

Sec. 2. PASTOR.—The Pastoral office shall be considered permanent. It may be terminated, however, upon six months' notice by either party. In the choice of a new pastor, notice of a meeting for that purpose shall always be given from the pulpit during divine service on the Sabbath preceding the meeting, and a three-quarters vote of the members present at such meeting shall be required to elect a pastor.

Sec. 3. TRUSTEES.—The Trustees shall be twelve in number,

two-thirds of whom must be members of the church. They shall, except as otherwise specially provided, serve for a term of three years, shall be so classed that the terms of four shall expire each year and shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year. The election of trustees shall occur at the annual meeting. In addition to the above, the Secretary and Clerk shall *ex officio* be a member and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

**Sec. 4. DEACONS.**—The Deacons shall be twelve in number and their term of office, except as otherwise provided, shall be for three years, and they shall be so classed that the terms of four shall expire each year and shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year. The election of Deacons shall occur at the annual meeting.

**Sec. 5. CHURCH COMMITTEE.**—The Church Committee shall consist of the Pastor and Deacons.

**Sec. 6. SECRETARY AND CLERK OR SECRETARIES AND CLERKS.**—The Secretary and Clerk, or if more than one is at any time found necessary, then the two or more persons elected to that office shall be elected for a term of one year and such election shall be had at the annual meeting of the church. The Secretary and the Clerk shall *ex-officio* be a member and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

**Sec. 7. TREASURER OR TREASURERS.**—The Church Treasurer or Treasurers, if at any time more than one is found necessary, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church.

**Sec. 8. AUDITOR OR AUDITORS.**—The Auditor or Auditors, if more than one is at any time found necessary or desirable, shall be elected for a term of one year, and such election shall be held at the annual meeting of the church.

**Sec. 9. MUSIC COMMITTEE.**—The Music Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be women. They shall hold their office for a term of one year and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church.

**Sec. 10. HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—The House Committee shall consist of four members. They shall be elected for a term of one year and the election shall be had at the annual meeting of the church.

**Sec. 11. FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**—The Financial Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year and the election shall be had at the annual meeting of the church.

**Sec. 12. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OR SUPERINTENDENTS.**—The Sunday School Superintendent or Superintendents shall be elected for a term of one year and such election shall be had at the annual meeting of the church. The Superintendent shall appoint the Assistant Superintendents.

**Sec. 13. OTHER OFFICERS.**—Such other officers, if any, as may

from time to time be found to be necessary or desirable may be elected by the church at any annual meeting for such term or terms as may be deemed advisable and for the performance of such duties as may be specially directed. The other officers of the Sunday School or Sunday Schools, Ladies' Society or Societies, Endeavor Society or Societies or other organizations connected with the church shall be selected and arranged for by those various organizations, respectively, in such manner as to them may seem meet and proper.

### ARTICLE III.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. PASTOR.—The Pastor's duty shall be to preach the gospel, administer the ordinances, have charge of the religious services, watch over the spiritual interests of the church, and act as Moderator of all meetings not specially called as business meetings. He shall be ex officio chairman of the Church Committee.

Sec. 2. TRUSTEES.—The Trustees are to have charge of the pecuniary affairs of the church; provide a place of worship and hold it subject to the uses and benefit of the Church (the Pastor always having control of the pulpit on the Sabbath); superintend the raising of the minister's salary, and provide for all incidental expenses. They shall have the entire control of the use, care and maintenance of the Church edifice or edifices, except for services of a spiritual nature. The Board of Trustees shall, by proper action, designate one of their number as chairman and another of their number as vice-chairman, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees shall, by virtue thereof, be president of the corporation, and the vice-chairman the vice-president of the Corporation.

Sec. 3. DEACONS.—The Deacons shall aid the Pastor in the celebration of the Lord's Supper; shall have charge of the Communion service; shall provide for the administration of the sacrament; in the absence of the Pastor shall make provision for the social religious meetings of the church, and shall assist the Pastor generally in the spiritual care of the congregation. They shall have charge of the money collected on sacramental occasions or specially contributed for the relief work of the Church.

Sec. 4. CHURCH COMMITTEE.—The Church Committee shall examine and recommend the candidate for admission to the church; shall investigate complaints against members, shall prepare and present cases of discipline requiring the action of the Church; shall look after and communicate with delinquent members; shall provide for pulpit supply in the absence of the Pastor; shall prepare for religious work and beneficence, and shall consult for any and all religious interests of the congregation. The Committee shall make a general report of its work at each annual meeting.

**Sec. 5. SECRETARY AND CLERK OR SECRETARIES AND CLERKS.**—The Secretary and Clerk, or if more than one is at any time found necessary, then the two or more persons elected to that office shall keep a record of the doings of the Church, a list of the members, showing time and note of their admission and dismissal; a list of all the children baptised, and shall issue letters of dismissal by direction of the Church. At each annual meeting of the Church he, or they, shall present a full statistical report of the Church for the preceding year. The Secretary and Clerk shall be Clerk of the Church and the Secretary of the Corporation, and *ex officio*, member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

**Sec. 6. TREASURER OR TREASURERS.**—The Treasurer or Treasurers, if at any time more than one is found necessary, shall have charge of all the funds of the church, and pay them out as the church shall order. At each annual meeting he, or they, shall give a full report of all his, or their, receipts and expenditures during the preceding year, with proper vouchers therefor.

**Sec. 7. AUDITOR OR AUDITORS.**—It shall be the duty of the Auditor or Auditors to carefully examine and check over all accounts of the Treasurer or Treasurers, including all items received from all sources whatsoever and all the disbursements for all purposes whatsoever, and also to examine and check up the amounts received with the various subscriptions and obligations to pay of every nature whatsoever and to check all disbursements with the vouchers taken therefor and to report at the annual meeting of the Church the result of such examination and checking.

**Sec. 8. MUSIC COMMITTEE.**—It shall be the duty of the Music Committee, with such means as may be at their disposal, so placed by the Church or obtained by subscription or otherwise, to arrange for such choir and choir work as to them may seem proper and desirable.

**Sec. 9. HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—It shall be the duty of the House Committee, with the means placed at their disposal by the Church or provided in other ways, and subject to the general control of the Trustees, to make all arrangements with reference to ushering at the various services of the Church and to provide for the necessary janitor work and for keeping the place or places of worship in comfortable, sanitary and attractive condition, and for having minor repairs promptly attended to.

**Sec. 10. FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**—The Financial Secretary shall be the Church Accountant. He shall keep a detailed list of all obligations in favor of the church, send out notices for securing payment of same, attend to the collection of all moneys for church purposes, deliver all moneys collected to the Treasurer, and keep accounts showing all obligations to pay and payments made.

**Sec. 11. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OR SUPERINTEND-**

ENTS.—The Sunday School Superintendent or Superintendents shall have charge of the Sunday School work of the church, and shall report upon the condition and wants and work of the school or schools at each annual meeting. The Superintendent shall appoint the Assistant Superintendent or Assistant Superintendents.

Sec. 12. OTHER OFFICERS.—Such other officers as may be appointed shall discharge the usual duties of those positions.

## ARTICLE IV.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and will accept the Covenant of the Church, will be cordially welcomed to its membership.

Sec. 2. All members of the Congregational Church of the City of Kansas City and of the Clyde Congregational Church of Kansas City, Missouri, as shown by the membership rolls of said Churches, to which reference is hereby made, are hereby admitted to and declared to be members of, this church. And they and their successors and all persons hereafter admitted to membership as provided by by-laws shall hereafter constitute the membership of this church.

Sec. 3. Persons wishing to become members of this church, either by profession or letter, shall meet with the Church Committee for examination respecting their religious history and Christian experience, and also be more publicly examined before the church, if that shall be desired. If approved by the church they shall be received into fellowship by vote of the body and by openly assenting to the covenant of the church.

## ARTICLE V.

### DISMISSAL.

Section 1. Any person in good and regular standing in this Church, who wishes to unite with any other evangelical Church, will be cheerfully granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation, provided application be made within one year after leaving the Church. In cases of longer delay, unless satisfactory reasons be given, the applicant shall be entitled to receive a certificate of good standing only, to the time of leaving the Church.

Sec. 2. Members removing beyond the bound of the Church are expected to connect themselves with some other body of believers at the earliest practicable moment. If such action is not taken, however, in one year, they shall be addressed by the Church Committee, inquiring why they have failed to unite with some other church. In case two years shall pass without hearing from them, or their giving a satisfactory reason for their course, their names

may be dropped from the roll, or placed upon the retired list, in which case should they ever apply for letters, dismissal may be granted by special act, setting forth the facts of the case.

## ARTICLE VI.

### DISCIPLINE.

Section 1. All members shall be entitled to church privileges, unless they have been forfeited by misconduct; and when thus forfeited, they shall not be deprived of them except by regular process.

Sec. 2. When a member is accused, he shall be seasonably furnished with a copy of the charges and have a full hearing.

Sec. 3. Any member having cause for complaint against another, shall seek to have it removed in accordance with directions given in Matthew xviii:15-17.

Sec. 4. The penalties afflicted on the offenders are private reproof, public admonition, suspension or excommunication, according to the aggravation of the offense.

Sec. 5. Resident members are expected to attend upon the services and ordinances of the church so far as, in the providence of God, their health and circumstances will permit. Habitual absence from these shall be regarded such a violation of covenant obligations as to call for investigation, and without a proper excuse therefor, for discipline.

## ARTICLE VII.

### MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, ETC.

Section 1. Public Christian worship shall be maintained by the church Sabbath mornings and evenings.

Sec. 2. Weekly Sabbath School services, for Bible instruction, open to all classes, shall be maintained by the church.

Sec. 3. A regular prayer and conference meeting shall be held upon Wednesday evening of each week, at which time any ordinary business may be brought before the church.

Sec. 4. The penalties inflicted on the offenders are private re-observed the first Sabbath in January, and of each subsequent and alternate month. At each communion service a collection shall be taken for the poor of the parish, and to defray the expenses of the table.

Sec. 5. The annual meeting of this church shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in January. The order of business shall be as follows: Prayer, reports of Trustees, Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Sunday School Superintendent, reports from other organizations within the church, election of officers, miscellaneous business.

Sec. 6. Special meetings may be called by the Pastor, Deacon

or five members, notice of the same to be given on the preceding Sabbath, specifying the object of the meeting.

Sec. 7. RULES GOVERNING ELECTIONS.—All officers of the church shall be chosen by ballot, and each officer shall be balloted for separately, except when the church shall direct that a committee be appointed to suggest names to be voted for collectively, or shall direct the committee to cast the vote for the church for several names collectively.

Sec. 8. The terms of office for which officers are chosen shall begin immediately with their election.

Sec. 9. A majority of votes shall be sufficient to determine all questions, save that of calling a pastor, and amending the by-laws. All members of the church over fifteen years of age shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 10. QUORUM.—Twenty-five members of the church at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for business.

Sec. 11.—BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.—Regular benevolent collections shall be taken in the congregation according to a schedule adopted by the church at each annual meeting. Special collections may be provided for by the Church Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year shall correspond with the calendar year.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### AMENDMENTS.

The Confession of Faith and Covenant and these By-Laws may be altered at any time by a two-thirds vote of the membership, due notice being given.



## MEMBERSHIP

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| From Old First. . . . . | 276       |
| From Clyde. . . . .     | 268       |
| New. . . . .            | 253       |
| Total. . . . .          | <hr/> 797 |
| Absent. . . . .         | 82        |
| Net. . . . .            | <hr/> 715 |

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

In the following list of members "F" before the name signifies  
"from Old First"; "C" signifies from Clyde; "N" signifies New.

|    |                              |                         |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| N. | Adams, E. P.                 | 543 Park Ave.           |
| N. | Adams, Mrs. E. P.            | 543 Park Ave.           |
| C. | Agin, Wallace M.             | 519 Quincy Ave.         |
| C. | Agin, Mrs. Wallace.          | 519 Quincy Ave.         |
| C. | Aldrich, John.               | 2015 Kensington Ave.    |
| C. | Aldrich, Mrs. John.          | 2015 Kensington Ave.    |
| N. | Alexander, D. Clifford.      | 4 West Oread St.        |
| N. | Alexander, Mrs. D. Clifford. | 4 West Oread St.        |
| N. | Allen, Dale E.               | 2420 East 11th St.      |
| F. | Allen, Miss Lydia M.         | 1600 Wabash Ave.        |
| N. | Angell, Mrs. Mary A.         | 1333 Paseo              |
| N. | Angell, Miss Myrtle I.       | 1333 Paseo              |
| N. | Anderson, Roscoe J.          |                         |
| C. | Aylsworth, Mrs. George A.    | 2812 Charlotte St.      |
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| C. | Benedict, Miss Degressa.     | 659 Park                |
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| C. | Bentrup, Miss Florence G.    | 147 North Hardesty      |
| C. | Bentrup, Miss Louise A.      | 147 North Hardesty      |
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| F. | Coburn, Miss Margaret L.   | 13 Westport Ave.              |
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| N. | Knaus, Walton Holmes. . . . .       | 5616 College Ave.    |
| N. | Lakin, Miss May M. . . . .          | 127 Topping Ave.     |
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| C. | Lambkin, Miss Kate K. . . . .       | 308 Spruce Ave.      |
| C. | Lambkin, Miss Alice J. . . . .      | 308 Spruce Ave.      |
| F. | Lambert, Mrs. Julia A. . . . .      | Reading, Pa.         |
| N. | Lang, Miss Gaynell . . . . .        | 500 Olive St.        |
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| N. | Lerche, Miss Anna R. . . . .        | 1301½ Charlotte St.  |
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| N. | Lewis, Mrs. Alexander. . . . .      | 1837 Pendleton Ave.  |
| F. | Lewis, Edwin. . . . .               | Lincoln, Neb.        |
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| C. | Lewis, Mrs. C. M. . . . .           | 119 Clinton Place    |
| C. | Lewis, Ward M. . . . .              | 4240 Windsor Avee.   |
| C. | Lewis, Mrs. Ward M. . . . .         | 4240 Windsor Ave.    |
| N. | Lind, Miss Mabel E. . . . .         | 1737 Madison Ave.    |
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| C. | Luce, Mrs. Lorenzo.          | 123 North Indiana Ave.  |
| C. | Luce, Milton H.              | 123 North Indiana Ave.  |
| C. | Luce, Miss Almira H.         | 123 North Indiana Ave.  |
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| N. | MacKoy, Mrs. Nellie G.       | 2111 East 7th St.       |
| C. | Macmillan, Robert.           | The Roosevelt           |
| N. | MacMillan, Thomas D.         | Japan                   |
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| C. | Martin, Miss Cora G.         | 3813 Norris Ave.        |
| C. | Martin, Mrs. C. M.           | 324 Askew Ave.          |
| C. | Martin, Clair.               | 324 Askew Ave.          |
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| N. | Martin, Mrs. Jas. F.         | 329 Maple Ave.          |
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| F. | Marty, Mrs. Albert.          | 2105 Independence Blvd. |
| F. | Marty, Arthur M.             | 2105 Independence Blvd. |
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| F. | Marty, Jemuel G.             | 4326 Warwick Blvd.      |
| F. | Marty, Samuel C.             | 3606 Warwick Blvd.      |
| F. | Marty, Mrs. Samuel C.        | 3606 Warwick Blvd.      |
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| F. | Massa, Miss Ruth N.          | Bethel, Kas.            |
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| N. | Mathieson, Mrs. C. F.        | 1424 Admiral Blvd.      |
| F. | Mathews, Mrs. George E.      | Broadlands Hotel        |
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| C. | McClure, Lowrie E.           | 215 Olive St.           |
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| C. | McEntire, Mrs. W. W.         | 1108 Park Ave.          |
| C. | McEntire, Mabel G.           | 1108 Park Ave.          |
| C. | McEntire, Alice.             | 1108 Park Ave.          |
| C. | McEntire, George W.          | 1108 Park Ave.          |
| C. | McEntire, Bruce E.           | 2500 East 13th St.      |
| C. | McEntire, Mrs. B. E.         | 2500 East 13th St.      |
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| F. | McPheron, W. J.              | 714 Kensington Ave.     |
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| N. | Mercer, Mrs. Thos. E.        | 616 Woodland Ave.       |
| N. | Mereness, Mrs. Henry C.      | 1206 Paseo              |
| F. | Merrill, Mrs. John W.        | 2606 Independence Blvd. |
| F. | Merwin, Mrs. Libbie.         | 2815 Woodland Ave.      |
| N. | Mills, James H.              | Kansas                  |
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| F. | Mills, Mrs. Mattie.          | 119 Bellaire Ave.       |
| N. | Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth C.    | 3809 Walnut St.         |
| F. | Miller, Dr. Albert R.        | 5220 St. John Ave.      |
| F. | Miller, Mrs. Albert R.       | 5220 St. John Ave.      |
| F. | Miner, Mrs. Rice R.          | New York City           |
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| N. | Moorehead, William B.      | 4308 Forest Ave.       |
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| N. | Morey, Miss Dorothy.       | 2229 Tracy Ave.        |
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| N. | Murray, Miss Laura.        | 1521 Central Ave.      |
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| F. | Newby, J. D., Jr.          | 3217 Campbell St.      |
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| F. | Nicolet, Benjamin.         | 2109 Troost Ave.       |
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| C. | Norton, Miss Louise M.     | 1737 Pendleton Ave.    |
| C. | Norton, Albert R.          | 1737 Pendleton Ave.    |
| C. | Norton, Miss Twila M.      | 1737 Pendleton Ave.    |
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| C. | Norton, Miss Edith.        | 1833 Pendleton Ave.    |
| C. | Norton, Mrs. Amelia B.     | 1833 Pendleton Ave.    |
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| C. | Osborne, Mrs. C. E.        | 1317 Olive St.         |
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| F. | Palmer, Mrs. Clarence S.   | 1812 Brownell Ave.     |
| F. | Palmer, Clarence F.        | 1812 Brownell Ave.     |
| N. | Palmer, Edward P.          | 1812 Brownell Ave.     |
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| C. | Pickett, Miss Cora A.      | 715 Brooklyn Ave.      |
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| N. | Poor, Mrs. H. E.            | 4 West Oread Ave.             |
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| F. | Potts, Roscoe F.            | Woodlea Hotel (3552 Broadway) |
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| N. | Pursley, Miss Helen.        | 2510 East 11th St.            |
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| N. | Remley, Mrs. Theodore.      | 128 Elmwood Ave.              |
| F. | Reynolds, Thos. H.          | 1220 East 10th St.            |
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| N. | Reinhardt, Miss Rhoda M.    | 613 Brooklyn Ave.             |
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| C. | Roberts, Miss Imogene.      | 2601 Chestnut St.             |
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| C. Runnels, Ralph W.          | 3241 Brooklyn Ave.      |
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| C. Rust, Donald E.            | 1020 Park Ave.          |
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| C. Seelye, Miss Cornelia E.   | 4237 Windsor Ave.       |
| C. Seelye, Miss Maybell H.    | 4237 Windsor Ave.       |
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| F. Seifert, Miss Clara        | 2537 Tracy Ave.         |
| F. Seifert, Miss Emma.        | 2537 Tracy Ave.         |
| F. Seifert, Louis             | 2537 Tracy Ave.         |
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| C. Severance, Orla A.         | 144 Spruce St.          |
| C. Severance, Mrs. Orla A.    | 144 Spruce St.          |
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| N. Shannon, Archibald T.      | 8 North Monroe Ave.     |
| N. Shannon, Miss Lillian M.   | 8 North Monroe Ave.     |
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| N. Shepard, Cecil.            | 542 Park Ave.           |
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| C. Shepard, Matthew C.        | 712 Garfield Ave.       |
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| N. | Spalding, Miss Agnes L.      | 716 Indiana Ave.                    |
| N. | Spalding, Gilbert M.         | 716 Indiana Ave.                    |
| N. | Spalding, John W.            | 716 Indiana Ave.                    |
| N. | Spalding, Robert F.          | 716 Indiana Ave.                    |
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| C. | Spencer, Miss Maude          | 2823 East 7th St.                   |
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| C. | Sperry, George.              | 1313 College St.                    |
| C. | Sperry, Maude S.             | 1313 College St.                    |
| C. | Sperry, Vivien.              | 1313 College St.                    |
| C. | Sperry, Winifred B.          | 1313 College St.                    |
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| N. | Stypes, Mrs. Arthur.         | 1327 East 13th St.                  |
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| C. | Sutliff, Miss Frances D.     | Seattle, Wash.                      |
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| N. | Sweet, Miss Sharlene L.      | 333 Olive St.                       |
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| F. | Sweetzer, R. W.              | 715 Locust St.                      |
| F. | Sweetzer, Mrs. R. W.         | 715 Locust St.                      |
| F. | Sweetzer, Miss Clara         | 715 Locust St.                      |
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| C. | Talquist, Miss Anna         | 3829 | East 9th St.        |
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| F. | Taylor, Mrs. Edith          |      | Orange, N. J.       |
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| N. | Terry, Miss Elizabeth       | 4131 | Campbell St.        |
| F. | Thomas, Gomer.              | 727  | West 45th St.       |
| N. | Thomas, Dr. Herbert M.      | 2201 | East 9th St.        |
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| N. | Thornton, Mrs. L. E.        | 1607 | Poplar Ave.         |
| N. | Thornton, Miss Grace.       | 1607 | Poplar Ave.         |
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| F. | Tobie, Miss Mabel C.        | 1014 | Troost Ave.         |
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| N. | Trice, Mrs. C. Y.           | 436  | Prospect Ave.       |
| N. | Trice, Miss Harriet A.      | 436  | Prospect Ave.       |
| N. | Trice, Miss Helen           | 436  | Prospect Ave.       |
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| N. | Trotter, Ferris B.          | 4402 | St. John Ave.       |
| C. | Troup, Miss Jeanette.       | 414  | Park Ave.           |
| C. | Troup, Miss Susie M.        | 414  | Park Ave.           |
| F. | Trumbull, Mrs. John         | 12   | West 39th St.       |
| F. | Tufts, Fred N.              | 1332 | East 33rd St.       |
| F. | Tufts, Mrs. Fred N.         | 1332 | East 33rd St.       |
| C. | Twiss, Stephen P.           | 3848 | Independence Ave.   |
| C. | Vance, Mrs. M. F.           | 5207 | Smart Ave.          |
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| F. | Van Eaman, Mrs. H. C.       |      | 3035 Main St.       |
| N. | Voorhees, Ernest H.         | 3811 | Morrell Ave.        |
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| N. | Wadhams, Willard H.         | 2415 | East 28th St.       |
| N. | Wadhams, Mrs. W. H.         | 2415 | East 28th St.       |
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| F. | Walker, Mrs. Louise         | 1011 | Cherry St.          |
| F. | Walker, Harry.              | 1011 | Cherry St.          |
| F. | Walker, Miss Nora           | 1011 | Cherry St.          |
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| F. | Wallis, Fred W.             | 1309 | Harrison St.        |

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| C. | Weaver, Frank M.          | 4230 | Harrison St.       |
| C. | Weaver, Mrs. F. M.        | 4230 | Harrison St.       |
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| F. | Webb, Miss Clara L.       |      | Mt. Washington     |
| F. | Webb, Watt Jr.            |      | Mt. Washington     |
| F. | Weidline, Mrs. Geo. A.    | 3319 | Charlotte St.      |
| F. | Wells, Mrs. H. J.         | 920  | West 39th St.      |
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| N. | Wenle, Mrs. Fred T. M.    | 2300 | Independence Blvd. |
| F. | West, Mrs. Lulu           | 537  | Cherry St.         |
| F. | West, Mrs. M. C.          | 537  | Cherry St.         |
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| N. | Wheeler, Miss Mary        | 3331 | Olive St.          |
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| F. | Whittaker, Chas. A.       | 1012 | Monroe St.         |
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| N. | Wickey, Miss Rose S.      | 1223 | Prospect Ave.      |
| C. | Wieman, Miss Alice May    | 2016 | East 9th St.       |
| C. | Wieman, Miss Bessie A.    | 2016 | East 9th St.       |
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| C. | Wilcox, Mrs. Rebecca      | 1111 | Monroe St.         |
| N. | Wilcox, Wm. F.            | 1111 | Monroe St.         |
| N. | Wilcox, Mrs. W. F.        | 1111 | Monroe St.         |
| N. | Wilcox, Rev. Frank G.     | 2408 | E. 11th St.        |
| N. | Wilcox, Mrs. F. G.        | 2408 | E. 11th St.        |
| N. | Wilcox, Glenn C.          | 2408 | E. 11th St.        |
| N. | Wilcox, Miss Esther A.    | 2408 | E. 11th St.        |
| N. | Wilcox, Mrs. A. A.        | 2408 | E. 11th St.        |
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| F. | Withrow, Miss Evelyn      | 531  | Brooklyn Ave.      |
| N. | Withrow, Miss Marian C.   | 531  | Brooklyn Ave.      |
| F. | Withrow, Miss Maud        | 531  | Brooklyn Ave.      |
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| C. | Woodling, Roy L.          | 3515 | Park Ave.          |
| N. | Woodling, Miss Ruth       | 3515 | Park Ave.          |
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## THE BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood movement in our country is one of the most hopeful indications of progress in Christian service.

A brief reference to the organization of a Brotherhood in our church has been given on an earlier page.

At the last moment before going to press and on this final page there is a chance to add a little to what has been said in regard to this important auxiliary.

There is this to say: That its officers are planning for earnest work during the coming year to add to its membership and to enlist all men of the church in some form of Christian activity.

The Brotherhood has become thoroughly aroused to the fact that men as a rule are not doing their share of the active personal work of the church, and that there are many kinds of Christian work that men can and will do under good leadership, not only to forward the best interests of the church, but to elevate the moral tone of the community. Feeling the importance of this movement, we use this last space in calling special attention to it.

Following is a full list of the officers and committees for the coming year:

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#### OF THE

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